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Body parts found in packages

A police officer removes a package containing a human foot from the Conservative Party headquarters in Ottawa on Tuesday. Investigators intercepted a second package containing another human body part, police said in a statement on Tuesday night. Visit metronews.ca for more information. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horror in Ottawa.

Box containing a human foot was addressed to the Conservative Party of Canada, police say

Ottawa police say a second package containing a body part has been found just hours after a stunned Conservative party receptionist opened a blood-soaked box containing a human foot.

The first was found Tuesday morning in a package that had been delivered to the party's headquarters a few scant blocks from Parliament Hill.

As a result of further investigation, Ottawa police said Tuesday night that they intercepted a second suspicious package containing another human body part.

Police released no other details about the second find, and said the major crime section continues to investigate.

Tuesday morning's macabre discovery led to a pre-noon call to police and paramedics about a suspicious package.

The first officers to arrive on the scene spotted blood splattered on the package and immediately called in the hazardous-material unit. When the specialists opened the package, police found the severed appendage inside.

"Upon arrival, officers noted that the (box) package possibly had blood stains on it," Ottawa police said in a statement.

"The Hazmat Unit and Emergency Operations Section were called and upon further inspection of the package it was determined that there was possibly a human foot in the box."

Another gruesome discovery

"We are taking the information from Ottawa also to make sure, if parts are missing here in Montreal, whose foot is missing in Ottawa?"

Const. Daniel Fortier

Authorities in both cities are trying to determine if there might be a link to the foot mailed to Conservative party headquarters.

Police said the package was addressed to the Conservative Party of Canada and not to a specific person.

The horror was not confined to Ottawa. Ottawa police were consulting with their counterparts in Montreal after they discovered a severed torso in a suitcase. Montreal police sifted through a heap of garbage in the city's west end to see if they might turn up any missing limbs. Authorities in both cities are trying to determine if there might be a link to the foot mailed to Conservative party headquarters.

"We are still looking in the garbage to find if there are other parts missing. We are still looking," said Const. Daniel Fortier.

"It doesn't mean it is related. That's why we must perform autopsies in Montreal and Ottawa."

Ottawa police said it was too early to speculate on a link.

By late afternoon, a coroner confirmed the foot found in Ottawa was indeed human remains.

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The sky is not falling, Toronto

The chances of being hit by a random falling object are pretty slim, a math professor says PAGE 4

It's back to Syria for diplomats

Canada joins allies in expelling Syrian diplomats after massacre in Houla PAGE 12

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On a school bus

Hatchet involved in road rage case

One man is in hospital and another is in custody after what police are calling an instance of road rage involving a vehicle, a school bus, and a hatchet.

Police were called to the intersection of Islington Avenue and Dixon Road south of Hwy. 401 just before 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon.

Police said the driver of the vehicle appears to have entered the school bus, at which time the bus driver allegedly produced a hatchet and injured the other man. There were no kids on the school bus at the time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Investigation

Photographer accused of sexual assault

A 37-year-old Toronto man is facing charges after police say two women alleged they were sexually assaulted by a photographer.

It's alleged that a 19-year-old model went to a photography studio in March 2011 and was sexually assaulted. Police say that during their investigation, a second victim was identified. Ryan Chamberlain, 37, is charged with two counts of sexual assault and sexual exploitation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto-area woman

Body retrieved from Everest

The body of a Toronto-area woman who died while returning from the summit of Mount Everest has been brought off the world's tallest mountain. A spokesman from Utmost Adventure Trekking says Shriya Shah-Klorfine's body has been taken to her family in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Honoured. Actress Tonya Lee Williams named one of top 25 immigrants

Tonya Lee Williams is known for her role on the popular TV drama The Young and the Restless, but today, it was her personal story (and not her fictional storyline) that was brought to the forefront.

The actress was one of 25 Canadian immigrants who were honored yesterday in Toronto for their tireless work in the community. Moving to Canada in 1970, her personal triumph and local contributions over the years helped the actress stand out among her peers.

Actress Tonya Lee Williams PHOEBE HO/METRO

"I get to share a story not as the girl on The Young and the Restless, I get to share the story just as an immigrant here and how I had a dream just like anybody and to make your dream come true," she said. PHOEBE HO/METRO

New details released. TTC offers $25K to catch Dupont subway shooter

Will the TTC shooter strike again at the Dupont subway station?

Police say they fear another attack because three armed holdups by the same individual have been four months apart.

June marks the fourth month since the last attack, on Feb. 26. At a news conference Tuesday, the TTC said that for the first time in its history it is posting a reward of $25,000 to catch this person — who police said may be a woman.

And all the attacks have a similar pattern committed by a well-disguised, heavy-set person wearing either a surgical mask or a balaclava.

Another key characteristic released for the first time is that the shooter is likely left-handed because in all three holdups the person carried a gun in the left hand. All the attacks have been carried out at the Dupont subway station on the weekend in the evening hours. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC employee suing police for G20 incident

Two years later. Says he still suffers flashbacks from time in custody and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder

A TTC employee allegedly scooped from the street and thrown behind bars while on his way to work during the G20 summit is suing Toronto police for more than $3 million.

Elroy Yau, a 39-year-old who worked as a TTC fare collector at the time, is seeking damages from the police services board for what he calls a breach of charter rights that left him shaken, depressed and unable to work for months.

"I try not to think about it," said Yau, who has since been transferred from his fare collecting position to a job driving TTC streetcars due to claustrophobic symptoms he says surfaced after the G20 incident.

According to his statement of claim filed last October, Yau was walking toward Queen's Park station at around 7 p.m. on June 26 when a plainclothes officer knocked him to the ground. Another officer then pinned him to the ground and shackled his legs, despite his TTC identification. He was then allegedly sent to the makeshift G20 detention facility on Eastern Avenue and held for 29 hours before he was released without charge, the claim said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

G20 tactics

News of Yau's lawsuit comes less than two weeks after Ontario's police watchdog released a scathing systemic review into police conduct during the G20 weekend in June 2010.

The investigative report by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director detailed controversial tactics that saw police round up and detain more than 1,000 people in cramped detention centres, only to be later released without charge.

Former TTC ticket collector Elroy Yau, 39, is suing Toronto police for over $3 million, claiming his charter rights were violated during the G20 summit. Yau says he was walking to work in uniform when he was thrown to the ground by plainclothes officers. CONTRIBUTED

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Dark Knight under the sea

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Transit. Experts doubt the Eglinton LRT will be completed on time

A panel of leading North American transit and construction experts is casting doubt on the province's ambitious promise to complete the Eglinton LRT by 2020 using a public-private partnership.

That schedule "seems unrealistic," according to a committee assembled by the American Public Transit Association at the request of the TTC.

Its preliminary report will be part of an update about the four Toronto LRT projects at the Toronto Transit Commission meeting on Wednesday.

The TTC's role in managing construction of LRTs on Eglinton, Finch, Sheppard and the Scarborough RT has been simmering for about two years, since Metrolinx put Infrastructure Ontario in charge of building the provincially funded $8.4-billion projects.

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The blame game

Although the TTC has a consultative role and is expected to operate the lines, its managers say they have no real authority over how the project is built and fear they will be on the hot seat for community complaints they can't solve.

Decisions, decisions

Transfer tax brings in $336 million

The land transfer tax that Mayor Rob Ford wants to kill has become an important source of cash for Toronto, the budget committee has been told.

The tax, introduced in 2008, is a main reason the city has been posting large year-end surpluses, said chief financial officer Cam Weldon.

The expected windfall has left-wingers looking to restore services while Ford and his right-wing adherents want to use the fiscal breathing room to cut taxes.

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Torontonians have no need to fear falling sky?

What are the odds?
It's pretty unlikely you will be hit by something: Professor

It's a bird! It's part of a plane engine! It's a coconut?

Truth be told, over the course of human history some bizarre things have fallen from the sky and rained havoc on unsuspecting citizens.

But the chances of actually being hit by a random object — such as a coconut from a palm tree or concrete from the Gardiner — are pretty unlikely, said Neal Madras, a professor in the department of mathematics and statistics at York University.

"I don't think it's something people need to worry about in daily lives," Madras said.

Try telling that to the residents of Peel Region, whose cars were smashed by blackened metal pieces from a failed engine of a Boeing 777 that had taken off from Pearson airport on Monday.

Toronto has seen its fair share of falling debris in recent days, with damaged window panes falling to the street from the upper levels of the RBC Centre Monday evening and yet another piece of concrete landing on the sidewalk under the Gardiner last week.

But Madras said you can think about it this way: Toronto occupies 630 square kilometres and is home to 2.6 million people. That computes to 240 square metres per person — roughly the size of a doubles tennis court. But if every single person was standing out in the open on any given day, the chances of anyone getting hit by a falling object would be one in 250, Madras said.

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A man holds debris that caused damage to vehicles Monday afternoon when an Air Canada Boeing 777 returned to Pearson following engine problems after takeoff. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gravity's fault

Here's a couple of bizarre incidents throughout history involving falling objects:

- Aeschylus, one of the first playwrights of Greek tragedies, became something of a tragedy himself when he was said to have been killed by a falling turtle. It was dropped by an eagle believed to have mistaken the man's bald head for a rock on which to break the turtle's shell.
- In 2010, a Colombian man was killed by a falling coconut as he rested under a palm tree, local media reported. While cited as a more common killer than shark attacks, there were just over 20 falling coconut incidents reported in recent years on the Pacific islands, none of them fatal.

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Toronto is less grey than the national average: Census

By the numbers. Ratio of seniors in city is 12.7% versus 14.8% across the country

Senior citizens now represent 12.7 per cent of the population of the metropolitan area of Toronto, a ratio lower than the national average, the latest census numbers from Statistics Canada show.

Newly released census information on age and sex makes it clear that Canadian society is getting older. The data released Tuesday comes from census forms filled out May 10, 2011 — a moment in time when the first of the baby boom generation was turning 65.

The census showed that 706,665 people in what's known as the census metropolitan area of Toronto were aged 65 or older. The figure of 12.7 per cent of the population compares to a national average of 14.8 and a provincial average of 14.6 per cent.

Five years ago, the 2006 census showed that 11.9 per cent of the metropolitan population of Toronto were seniors.

Statistics Canada uses the term census metropolitan area to describe any area with a population of at least 100,000, where the urban core of that area has at least 50,000 people. Looking at metropolitan areas this way takes into account the growing impact of suburban areas on Canada's largest cities.

The national census is conducted every five years. The information published Tuesday is the second of several releases of data to come from Statistics Canada over the next year and longer that will eventually paint a detailed picture of the country, right down to local level.

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Miles Nicholas Mendoza was born at 1:02 a.m. on May 28. The latest census figures show that while the population is getting old, we're also in the midst of a baby bump. CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

A snapshot of the city

- The number of children in the metropolitan region of Toronto — those aged 14 and under — has increased since the last census.
- Those of working-age population in the Toronto region — people aged 15-64 — represent 69.9 per cent of the area's residents. That's up from the 2006 census when 69.5 per cent of the population was made up of working-age residents.
- The median age of the metropolitan Toronto area was 38.6 years, compared with 37.5 years in 2006. (Statistics Canada defines median age as the point where exactly one half of the population is older than the median age and the other half is younger.)
- Where do 19- to 34-year-olds live? In condos, of course. The census tract bordered by Front Street, Bathurst Street, Spadina Avenue and Lake Ontario has the highest concentration of people who are 19 to 34, with 65 per cent of the total population in that age bracket.
- In a northern corner of Milton, near Highway 401 and Steeles Ave., you'll find a higher percentage of males than anywhere else in Toronto's census metropolitan area — 65.61 per cent of the population there is male. This census tract is home to the Maplehurst Correctional Complex, a medium-to maximum-security correctional facility for adult males 18 and over.
- Want history lessons from people who've been there? Head to the area bordered by Allen Road, Ranee Avenue and Bathurst Street, where 15 centenarians live. This census tract includes Baycrest.

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Schools must allow 'gay' in club names: McGuinty

Premier Dalton McGuinty. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Ontario government refused to back down Tuesday in a fight with Catholic educators over the use of the term gay-straight alliance, but rejected suggestions its aim was to end the separate school system.

"I think it's a couple of fundamental values that transcend any one faith ... respect and fairness," Premier Dalton McGuinty told reporters.

"We do everything we can in the confines of our homes to love and respect and accept our children. We just want to make sure the same kind of atmosphere prevails in publicly funded school systems."

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, accused the Liberal government of infringing on religious freedom by amending its anti-bullying bill to say Catholic schools must allow student clubs to use the word "gay" in their names.

McGuinty dismissed the Cardinal's argument.

"We're not mandating the terminology gay-straight alliance," he said, "but we think it's very important students should so choose to be able to use that language."

McGuinty, who is Roman Catholic and whose wife Terri is a teacher in the separate school system, said his job is to look out for everyone.

"Cardinal Collins has his responsibilities ... but I have a different set of responsibilities," he said.

"I'm accountable to people of faith, and people of no faith. I'm accountable to all parents, and I think the fact that I know we have something in common as parents — we want to make sure our kids are accepted and respected for who they are."

Collins said he has frequently heard the argument that Catholic schools should not accept public money if they don't want to have the government tell them what to teach.

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Bob Dylan among medal recipients

Medal of Freedom. Presented to people who have made meritorious contributions to national interests of the U.S., to world peace or to other significant endeavours

Sketching impressive contributions to society in intensely personal terms, U.S. President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Freedom to more than a dozen political and cultural greats Tuesday, including Israel's President Shimon Peres, rocker Bob Dylan, astronaut John Glenn and novelist Toni Morrison.

In awarding America's highest civilian honour to 13 recipients, living and dead, the president took note of the overflow crowd in the East Room and said it was "a testament to how cool this group is. Everybody wanted to check 'em out."

Obama then spoke of his personal connection to a number of this year's recipients, calling them his heroes.

"I know how they impacted my life," the president said. He recalled reading Morrison's Song of Solomon in his youth and "not just trying to figure out how to write, but also how to be and how to think."

In college days, Obama said, he listened to Dylan and recalled "my world opening up, because he captured something about this country that was so vital." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I understand that the impact these people have had extends beyond me. It will continue for generations to come." U.S. President Barack Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama presents rock legend Bob Dylan with a Medal of Freedom on Tuesday at the White House. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LGBT. Petition backing gay mom to be presented at Boy Scouts meeting

Supporters of a lesbian mother will present a petition at the Boy Scouts of America's annual meeting in Orlando to protest her removal from a troop in Ohio.

Deborah Tyrrell's supporters will present the petition with more than 275,000 names when the Boy Scouts meeting begins in Florida on Wednesday.

Tyrrell was removed last April as a leader of a troop in Ohio. Boy Scouts policy prohibits gays from being adult leaders.

Among those who will present the petition is Eagle Scout Zach Wahls, an Iowa college student who was raised by lesbian mothers. A video of Wahls urging Iowa legislators not to end civil unions went viral last year.

A Scouts spokesman said there are no plans to change the policy.
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Ban revoked

Racy 50 Shades returning to Florida libraries

A Florida county is putting the racy romance trilogy Fifty Shades of Grey back on its library shelves.

The Brevard County Library System had pulled 19 copies of the bestsellers from its bookshelves earlier this month. County officials said the decision was made after they read reviews of the trilogy. A county spokesman also called the books "semi-pornographic."

On Monday, the county announced that the books would be available immediately through the library in response to requests from residents.

Library-services director Cathy Schweinsberg said the library was against censorship.
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Caught on video

Racist rant lands British woman in prison

A British judge has jailed a woman whose racist tirade toward fellow subway riders went viral on YouTube.

Jacqueline Woodhouse, 42, boarded the subway drunk on the evening of Jan. 23 and began berating passengers with a profanity-filled, racist verbal assault.

A seven-minute video of it was uploaded to YouTube and viewed more than 200,000 times.

Judge Michael Snow sentenced Woodhouse to 21 weeks in jail on Tuesday in London, saying that anyone hearing her "grossly offensive" language would feel a "deep sense of shame."

Woodhouse turned herself in to police after the footage began to circulate.
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Presidential race. Obama campaign plays Trump card over 'birther' issue

U.S. President Barack Obama
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Donald Trump, the celebrity business tycoon once dismissed as a "carnival barker" by Barack Obama, went on a full-fledged tear in the media on Tuesday, doubling down on his insistence that America's first black president was born in Kenya.

On the day he was to appear alongside Mitt Romney at a Las Vegas fundraiser for the Republican presumptive nominee, Trump belligerently defended himself against accusations he had lost his grip and was hurting the man who hopes to replace Obama in the Oval Office in November.

"I walk down the street and people are screaming: 'Please don't give that up,'" Trump told CNBC in response to a new Obama ad that maligns Romney for failing to distance himself from the real estate mogul's resurrected conspiracy theories about the president's birthplace.

When Trump flirted with his own run for the Republican nomination last year, he put the so-called birther issue in the national spotlight.

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Tennessee. Ruling halts construction of mosque over lack of public notice

Construction of a Tennessee mosque that has been strongly opposed by critics of Islam likely will be stopped after a judge ruled Tuesday that local officials didn't give the public adequate notice before the meeting where it was approved.

The mosque was one of several Muslim projects in the U.S. that hit a swell of conservative opposition a year or two ago during the controversy over a plan to build a Muslim community centre near the site of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City.

Chancellor Robert Corlew found that the Rutherford County Planning Commission didn't do enough to inform the public of the May 2010 meeting when it approved the site plan for the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro.

Though his ruling voids the approval, he noted there was nothing stopping the commission from reconsidering the issue.

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Qatar begins probe into deadly mall fire

Fatal blaze. Press, public outraged at lack of adequate safety measures that failed to prevent tragedy at daycare centre

Children leave flowers during a memorial close to the scene where 19 people perished in a massive fire that tore through a nursery at a Qatar shopping mall in Doha, Qatar, on Tuesday. PHOTOS: OSAMA FAISAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigators in Qatar carried out their first extensive probes through a fire-ravaged daycare centre and other charred areas inside the country's biggest mall Tuesday after a blaze killed 19 people, 13 of them children.

The blaze and equipment failures that hampered firefighting raised questions about safety measures in the megastructures across the wealthy Gulf.

The findings from the state-ordered inquest are expected within a week, the official Qatar News Agency said. Commentators quickly called for extensive safety reviews after the sprinkler system malfunctioned during Monday's fire.

The tragedy also is likely to push authorities across the Gulf to further examine fire-safety rules in a region where the drive to build fast and big has brought concerns about the quality of emergency planning.

Rescue crews in Qatar's capital Doha had to hack through the roof of the mammoth Villaggio mall to reach the child-care facility, where the victims included two-year-old New Zealand triplets and three Spanish siblings. Two firefighters also were killed.

An editorial in the newspaper Al Arab urged officials around the Gulf to consider creating special firefighting and civil defence units for the energy-rich region's huge malls.

Qatar's Interior Ministry said the mall's sprinkler system malfunctioned, and rescue efforts were hampered by a lack of floor plans.

Other Gulf nations also have confronted concerns about whether public safety planning can keep pace with the rapid construction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tragedy

"Lillie, Jackson and Willsher came into this world together and were the joy of our life. Tragically, they left together after only two short years."

A statement from the parents of the two-year-old New Zealand triplets who perished in the fire

Lives lost

More than three-quarters of Qatar's population of 1.8 million residents are foreign workers.

- The young victims include a three-year-old French child, four Spanish children, an 18-month-old South African toddler and the New Zealand triplets.
- Three nursery teachers from the Philippines died from smoke inhalation. A South African woman who worked at the centre also died.

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Montreal. Wall of rain causes flash floods, power failure across city

A wall of rain collapsed onto Montreal in one torrential instant that flooded city streets, closed subway stations, caused power failures, damaged private property and forced evacuations from public buildings Tuesday.

It took only a few minutes to transform downtown streets into miniature canals. The foul odour of overflowing sewage floated over the area near the port.

Many thousands of people were affected. While some scooped water from their own basements, much larger buildings were evacuated including a fancy downtown hotel, the Quebec provincial library, multiple university pavilions, commercial centres and a large part of the metro system.

More than 28,000 people lost electricity in Quebec, with more than half those disruptions occurring in the province's biggest city.

The brief but powerful storm saw a sunny afternoon lapse into night-like darkness. A solid slab of water crashed through the air, eventually bursting sideways in what looked like puffy, swirling white clouds.

The rain overwhelmed the city's aging infrastructure in some places, with water pushing up through manhole covers and sometimes lifting them up.

By the time it was over, there were cars partly submerged in what looked like little lakes, while a pool of water covered several subway stations.

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Weather woes

- Environment Canada said between 40 and 80 millimetres of rain had fallen on the city.
- Federal meteorologist Andre Cantin said it was the kind of event that occurs in a city once every five to 10 years.
- The worst downpour during the rush hour caused a shutdown of the Ville-Marie tunnel, one of the city's busiest expressways.

Canada expelling Syrian diplomats over Houla attack

Global pariah. Any remaining envoys in Ottawa have five days to leave the country, Foreign Minister says

Two people walk past the Syrian embassy in downtown Ottawa. Canada moved to expel all Syrian diplomats on Tuesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada joined allies across the world Tuesday in expelling Syrian diplomats, as the slaughter of the innocent in Houla provoked a broad severing of global ties with the pariah Assad regime in Damascus.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Canada was expelling Syrian diplomats in the wake of the weekend massacre in Houla. The United Nations said 108 people died in the massacre, including 49 children and 34 women — one of the deadliest events in the 15-month uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Canada took part in a coordinated diplomatic offensive along with the United States, Britain, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and the Netherlands as the UN revealed more gruesome details of the events in Houla. Apparently the massacre included the close-range shootings of scores of children and parents in their homes.

The report did not specify who carried out most of the killings.

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New evidence

Bystander's video prompts review of police shooting case

A dramatic new video of a Vancouver police officer fatally shooting a man on a busy street almost five years ago has prompted the force to ask an independent investigative body from Alberta to take another look at the case.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, an independent body that investigates allegations involving officers in that province, will review a newly released bystander's video of Paul Boyd's fatal confrontation in August 2007, the Vancouver police and the B.C. government announced Tuesday.

Boyd was shot after police responding to 911 calls were confronted by a man swinging a bike chain. Const. Lee Chipperfield testified he believed Boyd was still armed when he fired the fatal shot to Boyd's head.

But a video, shot by a Winnipeg tourist and released to the media this week, appears to show Boyd was no longer holding the bike chain when he was killed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mass killer

Breivik's friends suspect he's gay

Is confessed Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik gay?

Former friends of Breivik say he often expressed feminine tendencies and led some to believe he may be gay.

Three of the 33-year-old's former friends told an Oslo court on Tuesday that five years before he massacred 77 people in July, he moved back to live with his mother and ended all social contacts.

The friends, who did not want to be named, gave testimony during Breivik's trial as the defendant watched in an adjoining room.

Breivik killed 69 people in a shooting spree on Utoya island on July 22 after setting off a bomb in Oslo that claimed eight lives.

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Again! Just nine days later, new quake misery hits northern Italy

Terror strikes at 9 a.m. Factories, barns, warehouses crumple — and the number of homeless swells to more than 14,000

A powerful earthquake dealt a second terrifying blow Tuesday to a quake-devastated region in northern Italy.

Just nine days after an earlier earthquake that killed seven people, Tuesday's quake killed at least 17 and left 200 injured.

Factories, warehouses, barns and churches collapsed.

The temblor shocked many of the thousands who have been living in tents or cars since the May 20 quake and created a whole new wave of homeless people.

The area encompassing the cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna is prized for its super car production — churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis — its world-famous Parmesan cheese, and less well-known but critical to the economy: machinery companies.

In Mirandola, the church of San Francis crumbled, leaving only its facade standing. The main cathedral also collapsed.

In Concordia, the mayor had scheduled a town meeting to discuss the aftermath of the first quake.

Instead, Mayor Carlo Marchini confirmed the death of one person struck by falling debris.

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Rescue workers send dogs into the wreckage of a quake-hit factory in Medolla, northern Italy, on Tuesday as they search for three workers reported missing. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NATO claim. Airstrike kills al-Qaida's No. 2 leader in Afghanistan

The U.S.-led NATO force in Afghanistan says it has killed al-Qaida's second-highest leader in the country.

Sakhr al-Taifi died in an airstrike in the eastern Kunar province, the force said Tuesday.

Al-Taifi — also known as Mushtaq and Nasim — was responsible for commanding foreign insurgents in Afghanistan and directing attacks against NATO and Afghan forces, officials said.

He frequently travelled between Afghanistan and Pakistan, carrying out commands from senior al-Qaida leadership and ferrying in weapons and fighters.

The airstrike took place Sunday in Kunar's Watahpur district. A follow-up assessment of the area determined that no civilians were harmed, officials said.

They declined to reveal the name of al-Qaida's top leader in Afghanistan "due to ongoing operations and security concerns."

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, two would-be suicide bombers riding in a vehicle packed with explosives in the eastern Nangarhar province were killed when the vehicle exploded prematurely.

Three others in the vehicle were severely wounded.

The explosion occurred on the main highway between Jalalabad city and Torkham, a town on the Pakistani border.

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Safe haven?

Most of al-Qaida's senior leaders are now believed to be based in Pakistan.

- Many senior al-Qaida commanders have died in American drone attacks in Pakistan's northwest tribal region.
- Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. commandos in the Pakistan town of Abbottabad last May.

Police baffled

Face-chewing witness speaks

A witness who saw a naked man chewing on the face of another naked man on a Miami highway ramp has revealed grisly details about the attack.

"The guy was … tearing him to pieces with his mouth," Larry Vega said.

"The guy just kept eating the other guy away, like, ripping his skin."

Police shot and killed the attacker, Rudy Eugene, 31. The victim is in critical condition.

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Six kids perish

Parents arrested over fatal U.K. fire

Police have arrested the parents of six children who died in a fire at their home, and say they are now murder suspects.

Derbyshire police allege the fire broke out after fuel was poured through the front door mail slot.

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Student protest leader may face up to one year in prison

Quebec. Fellow student who filed court motion says complaint is not a vendetta

Could the most prominent figure in Quebec's protest movement face jail time for having encouraged students to keep schools shut?

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois pleaded not guilty to a contempt-of-court charge Tuesday in a Quebec City courtroom and dismissed the idea that he should be imprisoned for his student activism. His opponents in the case said that's exactly what he deserves.

The charge stems from a court motion filed by Jean-Francois Morasse, who alleges Nadeau-Dubois encouraged students to ignore a court injunction that paved the way for Morasse to return to class at Universite Laval in Quebec City.

Anarchy?

"As a citizen you have to start worrying when people say, 'There's a court decision I don't like and I'm not respecting it.' That's where anarchy starts."

Maxime Roy Martel, lawyer

The contempt-of-court case focuses on remarks Nadeau-Dubois made on television on May 13. At the time, Nadeau-Dubois said it was legitimate for protesters to form picket lines to keep students who had obtained injunctions from getting to their classrooms.

Nadeau-Dubois is a co-spokesman for the CLASSE student group — the most radical of the province's three biggest student associations. He has been featured in international news reports and been described, arguably inaccurately, as a protest leader.

"Let's hope this isn't a political settling of accounts. That would be very unfortunate," Nadeau-Dubois told reporters at the courthouse.

"The vehemence with which the other party is talking about a prison sentence — well, let's just say it leads one to believe there's an element of frustration there."

The Quebec protests have lasted 15 weeks, during which nearly one-third of post-secondary students have remained away from the classrooms during a battle against tuition hikes. Most students remained in school, while some were ordered to return by court injunctions. Some of the more ardent protesters blocked attempts to reopen classrooms.

The student dispute has caused considerable unrest, including confrontations between police and protesters in the streets. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Student leader Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois walks to court on Tuesday in Quebec City. CLEMENT ALLARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuition hikes

Charest says it's time to 'turn page'

On the 107th day of a student conflict creating social tensions in Quebec, government officials are confirming that Premier Jean Charest finally sat down and met student leaders face to face.

Charest took part in a discussion with student leaders for more than 50 minutes late Monday, government officials confirmed Tuesday.

It was an abrupt change in approach for a premier who had repeatedly resisted opposition calls to get personally involved in talks with students — and who had even avoided shaking the hand of student leaders during a recent event at the legislature.

The apparent thaw came as the government and protest leaders returned to the negotiating table Monday after a nearly one-month hiatus. Charest characterized that meeting as a new stage in the dispute. He described the exchanges as respectful and courteous. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Robots equipped with scissors, forceps crawling in patients

Medical advances.
Doctors say robots have potential to do things humans can't, such as test blood in the body

Imagine a tiny snake robot crawling through your body, helping a surgeon identify diseases and perform operations.

It's not science fiction. Scientists and doctors are using the creeping metallic tools to perform surgery on hearts, prostate cancer, and other diseased organs. The snakebots carry tiny cameras, scissors and forceps, and even more advanced sensors are in the works. For now, they're powered by tethers that humans control. But experts say the day is coming when some robots will roam the body on their own.

"It won't be very long before we have robots that are nanobots, meaning they will actually be inside the body without tethers," said Dr. Michael Argenziano, the chief of adult cardiac surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

Argenziano was involved with some of the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration clinical trials on robotic heart surgery more than 10 years ago. Now he says snake robots have become a commonly used tool that gives surgeons a whole new perspective.

"It's like the ability to have little hands inside the patients, as if the surgeon had been shrunken, and was working on the heart valve," he said.

Another expert at Carnegie Mellon stresses that there's still an enormous gap between humans and even the most high-tech robots. Manuela Velosa noted that robots have been built that excel at one or two tasks — but not at the variety of tasks humans perform without even thinking.

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'Snakebots'

- The size of surgical robots allows surgeons to operate with far less damage to the body, helping the patient heal faster. For example, instead of opening the entire chest up during heart surgery, a small incision is made, and the robot crawls inside to the proper spot.
- Dr. Ashutosh Tewari of Cornell University Medical Center has used robotic tools to perform thousands of prostate operations. He said the precision of the tiny robotic tool is vital not just to cutting out cancerous tumors, but to seeing exactly what nerves to leave intact.

Naval Academy graduates flying high

A formation of U.S. Navy Blue Angel fighter jets perform a flyover above graduating Midshipmen during the United States Naval Academy graduation and commissioning ceremonies in Annapolis, Md., Tuesday.

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Ancestors in the open sea

Shipwreck find disproves theory

Greece's culture ministry says two Roman-era shipwrecks found in deep waters off the country's western coast disprove the accepted theory that ancient shipmasters stuck to coastal routes rather than risking the open sea.

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Name hard to swallow

Five Wives Vodka ruled in bad taste

Idaho liquor regulators say a Utah liquor named Five Wives Vodka is in bad taste and they won't stock bottles or take special orders at state-owned stores. It's from a distillery in Utah, where the Mormon church is based.

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Ash spews in Colombia

Volcano prompts evacuations

A light spewing of ash amid renewed rumblings in the Nevado del Ruiz volcano has prompted Colombian authorities to suspend operations at four regional airports and evacuate 500 people.

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How to restore the voters' shattered trust?

Election chiefs' top priority. Robocall scandal may spark legislative changes to curb live call centres, chief officer says

Restoring trust in the integrity of the electoral system is a top priority for Elections Canada.

The watchdog agency aims to repair damage inflicted by the robocall scandal and procedural irregularities that caused the election in one Toronto riding to be overturned.

Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand said Tuesday the agency is reviewing its procedures.

It may yet recommend legislative changes to deal with the problems.

Among the possible solutions, he said, are regulating the manner in which automated and live call centres are used to contact voters and ensuring exorbitant legal costs don't prevent individuals from challenging dubious election results.

The investigation into complaints of robocalls during last spring's election is continuing but, regardless of its outcome, Mayrand said the agency intends to recommend improvements to the Canada Elections Act to deal with the use of new technologies. That includes the use of phone banks.

Mayrand said Elections Canada is also moving to address problems exposed by a recent court ruling that overturned the result in Toronto's Etobicoke Centre.

Judge Thomas Lederer set aside 79 ballots due to clerical errors, primarily involving improperly filled-out voter registration and vouching certificates, some of which have disappeared altogether.

The Conservatives, who won the riding by just 26 votes, are appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court.

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Flurry of complaints

1,100

In the robocall case, Mayrand told a House of Commons committee that Elections Canada has now received 1,100 complaints from voters who say they received harassing or misleading phone calls directing them to phoney polling stations during last spring's election.

By thunder, that's a rainstorm

Talk about water, water everywhere.... Thunder Bay got more than its share this week. Heavy rains and flooding forced the city to declare a state of emergency as homes were flooded and sewer systems worked at full capacity. Here, city workers Steve Alexander and Silvio Pratola clear debris from a storm drain.

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Soaring toll

70,000 seals were killed in this year's hunt, minister says

Newfoundland and Labrador's fisheries minister says 70,000 harp seals have been killed during this year's commercial seal hunt.

That's nearly twice the number killed last year.

Darin King told the provincial legislature that 680 sealers took part in this year's hunt, which had an allowable catch of 400,000.

About 38,000 harp seals were killed last year.

King says he believes the higher catch level reflects an opening of markets in Asia, an argument animal-rights groups contest.

Earlier this year, the provincial government announced a $3.6-million loan to Carino Processing Ltd., a seal-products company, in a bid to kick-start the hunt. The funds went toward buying seal pelts and blubber.

The hunt normally opens in March around the Magdalen Islands and Prince Edward Island and later off the east coast of Newfoundland. It's usually over by May.

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Candidate cashing in on resentment of rival

Egypt. Old regime dealing with angry protesters in presidential runoff

The Muslim Brotherhood's candidate for the Egyptian presidential runoff promised Tuesday he would break sharply with the ways of ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak, a day after angry protesters burned down the headquarters of his challenger who served as prime minister in the old regime.

Islamist Mohammed Morsi appeared to be trying to cash in on public resentment of his rival Ahmed Shafiq's ties to Mubarak at a news conference where he offered something for everyone, from the military to the revolutionaries, women and minority Christians. Morsi has been scrambling to broaden his base of support ahead of the June 16-17 runoff.

"When I am president, the presidency will not be reduced to one person," he said. "The age of superman has failed and gone. The world is no longer like that. I am not like that."

Morsi's comments came hours after some 400 protesters chanting slogans against Shafiq stormed and vandalized his Cairo campaign headquarters. The protesters set the building ablaze after making away with computers, television sets and air conditioners.

Quoted

"More than anyone else, the Brotherhood makes promises it never keeps."

Girgis Atef, a veteran of the uprising that toppled Mubarak 15 months ago

Shafiq was the last prime minister appointed by Mubarak before he stepped down in February 2011 in the face of a popular uprising against his autocratic rule. The attack on Shafiq's headquarters was reminiscent of some of the most dramatic scenes of the uprising when protesters burned down the ruling party headquarters.

In Cairo's Tahrir Square, birthplace of the uprising, protesters chanted slogans against both Morsi and Shafiq. Similar protests took place in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria and elsewhere in northern Egypt.

Morsi claimed the top spot in the first round of landmark elections last week, putting him in the runoff against Shafiq who, like his longtime friend and mentor Mubarak, is a former air force commander.

The attack on Shafiq's headquarters underlined the depth of resentment felt by many toward Shafiq, viewed by critics as an extension of the Mubarak regime. And Morsi moved quickly to use it for political gain, making a host of generous promises he said he would keep if elected.

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The revolutionary youth of Egypt returned to Tahrir Square to protest the outcome of the Egyptian presidential election in Cairo on Monday.

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State of emergency lifted in Kirkland Lake

Forest fire.
10-kilometre-long blaze on the edge of town downgraded to 'being held'

The state of emergency for the northeastern Ontario town of Kirkland Lake has been lifted after fire crews managed to surround a nearby forest fire.

Firefighters have been battling a large fire on the northern edge of town for the past 10 days. The fire has been as close as three kilometres to the community of more than 9,000 people.

But on Tuesday morning, the status of the fire was downgraded to "being held" as crews managed to surround the 10-kilometre-long blaze with fire hose.

The community came through just fine, said Mayor Bill Enouy, who also thanked emergency workers including provincial police, hydro workers and staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"I think we got our message out not to panic and to be prepared and I think people bought into that," Enouy said Tuesday.

"It was a really good experience other than the fact that it was a bad experience, if you know what I mean."

Calling a state of emergency allowed the town to get extra help from the police, hydro and support staff at the ministries involved, the mayor said.

But now that the emergency order is lifted, residents can get back to some normalcy, said Sgt. Dana McLean of Ontario Provincial Police.

"State of emergency means that things aren't happening within the town," she said.

"Everything sort of goes in a hold pattern. So your real estate is stalled, loans are stalled. A lot of things are stalled in the day-to-day lives of people. Now those lives can go back to normal."

Provincial police say they have determined the fire was started by campers in a recreational area and are asking for the public's help identifying those responsible.

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Conditions improving

- Hundreds of residents were forced to flee their homes, cottages and camps near Timmins and Kirkland Lake over the last week as the fires raged. Some have been allowed to return but many are still waiting for the all-clear.
- Emergency officials have said that while conditions have improved, access to at-risk areas will likely be limited for some time.

OPP Officers gather for a briefing at the OPP Command Post just a few kilometres west of Timmins, Ont., last Friday. A state of emergency for the nearby town of Kirkland Lake has been lifted. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANDIAN PRESS

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Pianist preps for marathon: 32 Beethovan sonatas in a day

Classical. 'Beethoven was my first love and Beethoven was a composer who compelled me to be a pianist': Stewart Goodyear

Classical pianist Stewart Goodyear is gearing up to make history by teaming musical skill and physical endurance in a 10-hour performance of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas.

To perform the 103 individual movements in one day has been a dream since he was a young child, Goodyear said in an interview after a rehearsal for reporters at Toronto's Koerner Hall, where the marathon will take place.

Goodyear is performing his "Beethoven Marathon" in Toronto on June 9 as part of Luminato, a multidisciplinary festival of arts and creativity that runs June 8 to 17.

The sonatas of Beethoven, said to be a pinnacle of the solo piano repertoire, lend themselves to the one-day extravaganza, which will take place in three concerts.

Goodyear's father died a month before he was born, but he left behind a wide range of music that captured his precocious young son's interest.

"I grew up surrounded by music. I came from a very eclectic musical background," said Goodyear, who is also a composer. "My father had LPs ranging from Cat Stevens to Led Zeppelin to the Rolling Stones to the Beatles and I was listening to those LPs as well as two boxes of records. One box were the complete Tchaikovsky symphonies and the other box was Beethoven."

He performed his first Beethoven piano sonata at age 10 for a Kiwanis Music Festival and he hasn't looked back.

Goodyear, now 34, studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music before receiving a bachelor's degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and then a master's degree at the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York. He performs with orchestras around the world.

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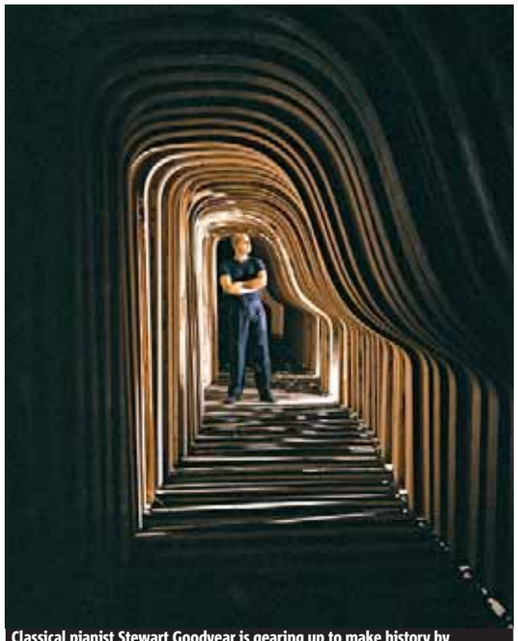

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Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha stand for the national anthem during a college basketball game at Howard University on Nov. 27, 2010, in Washington, D.C. OLIVIER DOULIERY/POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Obama girls need thick skin, says first lady

White House.
Daughters Malia, Sasha in a good place no matter the outcome of presidential election: Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama says her daughters are learning that even the kids of politicians have to have a thick skin.

"Politics is tough," the first lady said Tuesday. "That's just sort of the nature of the beast."

But she said daughters Sasha and Malia, at ages 10 and 13, also know that no matter what happens in the November election, "their life is good either way."

As for the personal attacks that swirl around her husband in a campaign year, Obama said: "You just sort of have to have a thick skin in this thing. And your kids do too."

Malia and Sasha "understand that their world is secure no matter what," she said on ABC's The View. "They've grown to understand that home is wherever we are ... and Dad is always going to be Dad. So they're good."

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The old, the young and the age of change

Census. Toddlers bust a move, but the oldsters just keep on coming, and the implications are only beginning to sink in

Canada is becoming a nation of the aging and the very young.

New census data shows Canada now has a higher proportion of seniors than ever before — a development that has crept up on society with far-reaching implications for health, finance, policy and everyday family relationships.

At the same time, the latest tranche of 2011 census information shows a surprising 11 per cent resurgence of toddlers — a burst of growth in the under-five population that is a complete reversal of trend-lines a decade ago and is rejuvenating every region of the country.

"I wouldn't call it a baby boom, although I think we can call it a significant increase," Laurent Martel, a demography expert at Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

Generally, though, the census shows in great detail what most people already know intuitively: Canada is aging quickly as the baby boomers mature.

The population of over-65ers has surged to nearly five million over the past five years, growing 14.1 per cent since the last official count, Statistics Canada says.

That's more than double the 5.9-per-cent increase for the population as a whole.

It's a trend that's poised to take on momentum. That's because near-seniors — people aged 60 to 64 — grew faster than any other group. Their population soared 29.1 per cent over the past five years, a pattern that will persist as they move up the age ladder.

They are the oldest edge of the baby-boom generation that includes three out of 10 Canadians, and has so dramatically shaped Canada's landscape for decades.

Young people, on the other hand, are a stagnating generation — despite the torrent of toddlers. The under-15 cohort is barely expanding, having edged up just 0.5 per cent over the past five years.

Children under 15 make up just 16.7 per cent of the population now, while seniors are at a record high of 14.8 per cent, and growing.

In just four years, Canada will face what demographers have dubbed "the cross-over": The day when there are more seniors than children.

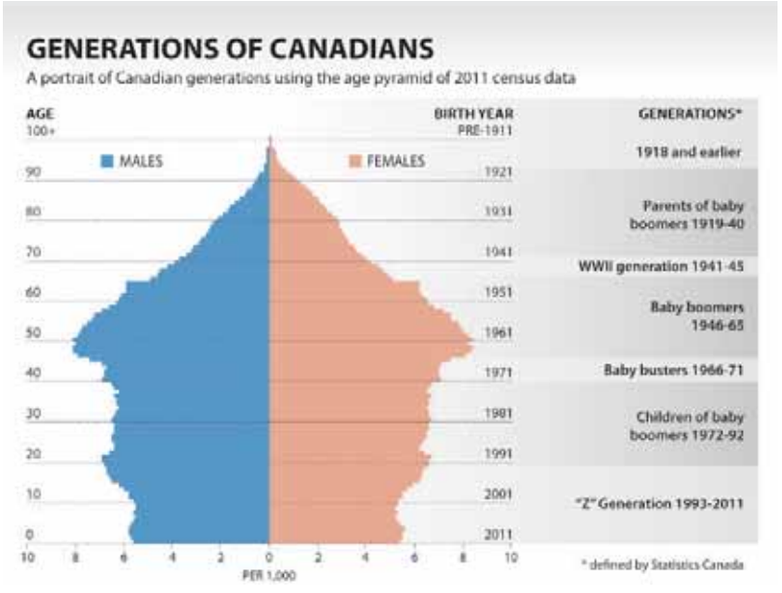
The median age in Canada is now 40.6, the oldest ever, up from 39.5 five years ago and from 33.5 two decades ago.

Canada's population aging is a mix of longer lives and a growing number of people in their senior years, Martel said.

In 2011, there were 4,870 women and 955 men aged 100 or more — the second-fastest growing age group with a 25.7-per-cent rate of expansion. By 2031, StatsCan projects the number of centenarians will reach 17,000, rising to close to 80,000 by 2061 as the bulk of the remaining baby boomers moves into the triple digits.

Compared to other G8 countries, Canada's population is relatively young, and the proportion of seniors in Canada is among the lowest in the G8.

That's about to change, Martel warned: Canada had a bigger baby boom than other countries, and as people retire in droves, Canada's aging trend will pick up speed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



By the numbers: Youngest vs. oldest communities

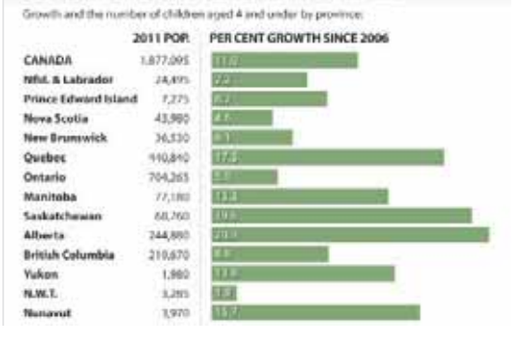
- **Top-5 youngest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Mackenzie County, Alta.: 22.6 years
  Hanover, Man.: 27 years
  Grande Prairie, Alta.: 30.3 years
  Petawawa, Ont.: 30.4 years
  Cold Lake, Alta.: 30.5 years

- **Top-5 oldest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Parksville, B.C.: 58.2 years
  Elliot Lake, Ont.: 57.1 years
  Sidney, B.C.: 56.9 years
  White Rock, B.C.: 53.8 years
  North Saanich, B.C.: 53.7 years

Source: Statistics Canada (Based on median age)


NUMBER OF YOUNG CHILDREN ON THE RISE
Growth and the number of children aged 4 and under by province
2011 POP.
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CANADA 1,877,095 11.0
Nfld. & Labrador 24,495 7.2
Prince Edward Island 7,275 8.2
Nova Scotia 43,980 4.6
New Brunswick 36,530 5.1
Quebec 440,840 17.5
Ontario 704,265 5.5
Manitoba 77,180 13.3
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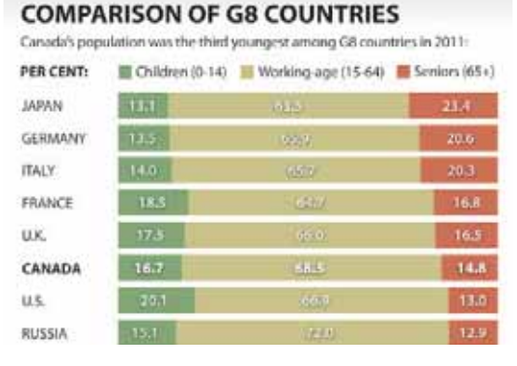

Birth rate

Canada's baby bump is showing

More Canadians, it seems, are changing dirty diapers, serving up spoonfuls of mushy peas and getting tongue-tied over Dr. Seuss books before bed, if the latest census figures from Statistics Canada are any indication.

Previously released population statistics show more people in Canada are having children. The national birth rate increased slightly from 1.59 in 2006 to 1.67 in 2009. In Alberta, the rate is among the highest of the provinces; it was 1.8 in 2010.

Not surprisingly, the latest increase was felt most profoundly in the Prairies, which have become magnets for job-seeking, working-age families looking for a place to put down roots.

In Alberta, the growth rate among kids four and under was 20.9 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan at 19.6 per cent. Quebec also posted a strong increase at 17.5 per cent, as did Nunavut at 15.7 per cent.

Another reason for Canada's baby bump may simply be that there are more moms. Statistics Canada attributed the spike to modestly higher fertility rates in most regions, as well as a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — traditional child-rearing years.

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On the web

Go to metronews.ca/features to:

- Take the census 2011 quiz.
- Check out the interactive graphic on population projections by age and sex from 1971-2061.
- See the communities map for an interactive breakdown of the data city by city.
- **Watch videos.** Canadians say just "how old is old?"; seniors give longevity tips.

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0.99:1
The ratio of people aged 15-24 compared to people aged 55-64 in 2011. In 1931, that ratio stood at 2.95:1.
2016
The year Statistics Canada projects children under 14 will, for the first time, be outnumbered by seniors. This despite the efforts of a very active Alberta, which saw an increase of 20.9 per cent in the number of children aged four and under between 2006 and 2011.
5,825
The number of people in Canada aged 100 and older in 2011. Centenarians have been on the rise over the last decade, with 3,795 in 2001. But a big jump is coming, according to Statistics Canada projections, with the country on its way to seeing 78,300 centenarians in 2061.
40.6
In years, Canada's median age in 2011 — the age at which one half the population is older and the other half is younger. In 2006, it was 39.5.

Women are turning the big, big wheels

Kolby Nepoose has had a lot of jobs at places that would probably sound familiar to many young women — grocery store, health-care centre, coffee shop, bank.

Eventually, though, the lure of sitting at a desk began to fade.

"I just found my work really tedious, sitting at the computer all day," said Nepoose, 25.

So she found something different — way different. She now works at Mammoet, a Dutch multinational that builds and operates heavy lift and transport equipment. Nepoose — booted, hard-hatted and overalled — is working towards a journeyman's ticket as a crane operator.

Workers like Nepoose are still rare: In 2007, only about two per cent of those employed in non-service-sector trades were women. But those numbers are increasing.

JudyLynn Archer is trying to be part of that solution. She leads an Edmonton organization called Women Building Futures, which offers pre-apprenticeship programs to introduce women to trades from carpentry to welding to pipefitting.

A total of 3,000 women contacted Women Building Futures last year looking for information on the trades. About 190 from across Canada are expected to graduate this year, almost all directly into jobs or apprenticeships.

Renee Jones, first-year apprentice crane operator, is seen on a RT 65-tonne crane that she operates at Mammoet, in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Women "drive with less ego."

JudyLynn Archer of Women Building Futures, who said employers tell her women are easier on heavy equipment — more vigilant with preventative maintenance and safety checks and gentler on the huge and hugely expensive tires the big stuff rolls on.

"If we had 2,000 today, they could all be placed, working," Archer said. "The demand is unbelievable."

Women are fitting in just fine on job sites across the province, she added.

Companies "are very happy with their female employees. They show up every day, they have a strong attention to detail and they're more loyal."

Still, she said, employers are just starting to see women as part of the solution to Canada's coming shortage of skilled labour.

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WHERE THE SENIORS ARE

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of seniors, according to 2011 census data:

How old is old? 'It's how you feel'

Ask Alan Wilson to define "old" and he answers with a hearty chuckle.

"It's just a number; it's how you feel," said Wilson, a spry 82-year-old who teaches line-dancing classes at a seniors' recreation centre in Peterborough, Ont.

"I had a heart attack 10 years ago and that didn't hold me back at all."

To Wilson and many of his friends, being old is a state of mind — one that Canada's increasingly active senior set is choosing to ignore as the leading edge of the baby boom reaches the traditional retirement age of 65.

So, it's a fair question: How old is old?

The point at which health concerns become real-life realities is when a person can truly be considered "old," said Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), Canada's leading seniors' advocacy organization.

"Where the rubber hits the road is when old becomes a limitation," said Eng.

And rather than deny that true old age — with its eventual drawbacks — will hit them one day, it's vital that modern seniors embrace their aging, she added.

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Home affordability deteriorating: RBC

Mortgages. Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa follow same trend

It's getting more difficult to pay for the costs of owning a home in Canada and the situation will likely worsen, the Royal Bank said Tuesday.

The RBC reports that rising house prices were responsible for a modest deterioration in home affordability in the first few months of 2012 after two quarterly improvements, but warns that rising interest rates are the more pressing concern long-term.

In Toronto, the index deteriorated by 1.2 percentage points to 53.4 per cent based on $110,000 in annual income.

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Bombardier hopes to turn slumping sector

Premier Dalton McGuinty tries his hand at aircraft assembly during a media tour of Bombardier's manufacturing facility in Toronto on Tuesday to celebrate 20 years of manufacturing, research, development and investment in Ontario. The CEO of transportation giant Bombardier Inc., Pierre Beaudoin, believes that, with some innovation, Ontario can turn around a slump in its manufacturing sector, adding that his company has enough work orders to maintain staffing levels at its plants in the province. Bombardier first invested in the province through the purchase of de Havilland and the Urban Transportation Development Corp. in 1992 during another crisis in the manufacturing sector.

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Chromebooks

Google to release new laptops

Google will try to win more converts to a computer operating system revolving around its popular Chrome web browser with a new wave of lightweight laptops built by Samsung Electronics.

Unlike most computers, Google's Chromebooks don't have a hard drive. They function like terminals dependent on an Internet connection. The laptops come with 16 gigabytes of flash memory — the kind found in smartphones, tablet computers and some iPods.

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Online piracy

Dutch lawmakers vote to reject treaty

Dutch lawmakers adopted a motion Tuesday urging the government not to sign a controversial international treaty aimed at reining in online piracy, another setback for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

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Russian researchers discover massive new cyber-weapon

'Flame.' Virus can turn infected computers into listening devices and even have them suck information out of nearby cellphones

A massive data-slurping cyber-weapon is circulating in the Middle East, a Russian Internet-security firm reported Monday, saying that computers in Iran appear to have been particularly affected.

The virus, dubbed "Flame," is unprecedented both in terms of its size and complexity, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab ZAO reported, saying it possesses the ability to turn infected computers into listening devices and even suck information out from nearby cellphones.

The announcement sent a ripple of excitement across the computer-security sector. Flame is the third major cyber-weapon discovered in the past two years, and Kaspersky's conclusion that it was crafted at the behest of a national government fuelled speculation that the virus could be part of an Israeli-backed campaign of electronic sabotage aimed at archrival Iran.

Some evidence suggests that the people behind Flame also helped craft Stuxnet, a notorious virus that disrupted controls of some nuclear centrifuges in Iran in 2010, according to Ilan Froimovici, the technical director at Power Communications, which represents Kaspersky in Israel.

The two codes "use the same vulnerabilities in the operating system and the computer infrastructure in order to infect the computer system.

"We do believe that the same programmers built the two codes," said Froimovici. Stuxnet revolutionized the cybersecurity field because it targeted physical infrastructure rather than data, one of the first demonstrations of how savvy hackers can take control of industrial systems to wreak havoc.

Unlike Stuxnet, Flame appears focused on espionage, Kaspersky said. The virus can activate a computer's audio systems to eavesdrop on Skype calls or office chatter, for example. It can also take screenshots, log keystrokes, and — in one of its more novel functions — suck data from Bluetooth-enabled cellphones.

Iran has not disclosed any data lost to the new virus, but Israel's vice-premier did little to deflect suspicion about possible Israeli involvement in the latest attack.

"Whoever sees the Iranian threat as a significant threat is likely to take various steps, including these, to hobble it," Israeli Vice Premier Moshe Yaalon told Army Radio when asked about Flame. "Israel is blessed with high technology, and we boast tools that open all sorts of opportunities for us."

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'Very unusual' virus

Alan Woodward, a professor of computing at the University of Surrey in southern England, compared the virus to a smartphone — depending on what kind of espionage you want to carry out, "you just add apps."

- He said Flame can turn an infected computer into a kind of "industrial vacuum cleaner," copying data from vulnerable cellphones or other devices left near it.

The Nest Learning Thermostat, shown above, went on sale for Canadians on Tuesday for $249 US. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

New Nest reaches Canadian consumers

Are Canadian homeowners ready to spring for a high-tech, premium-priced thermostat, just as they've embraced Apple's slick but pricey smartphones and tablets? Nest Learning Thermostat co-founder Tony Fadell — the lead designer of the iconic iPods and iPhones before leaving Apple in 2005 — thinks so.

On Tuesday, Nest announced it has started accepting orders for its $249 US thermostat in Canada, the first country outside the U.S. to get access to the buzzed-about product.

"We think of this as the thermostat for the iPhone generation," Fadell said.

The Nest is also designed to reduce energy bills — by as much as 20 per cent, the company claims — easily and without effort; even for consumers who already have a programmable thermostat.

The Nest doesn't need to be programmed and instead learns what temperatures owners like to keep their home at during different times. After a few days, the unit will be able to go on auto-pilot and automatically shift the temperature up and down, Fadell said.

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Market Minute

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Wall Street

Facebook stock falls below $30 US

Facebook's stock has fallen below $30 US for the first time since its much-awaited public debut this month.

The stock fell $3.07, or 9.6 per cent, to close at $28.84 on Tuesday. That's down 24 per cent since its debut. It went as low as $28.65 earlier in the day. It went as low as $29.23 earlier in the day. Facebook Inc. began trading publicly on May 18 following one of the most anticipated stock offerings in history. Facebook's initial public offering of stock priced at $38 and raised $16 billion for Facebook and some of its early investors. It had valued the company at $104 billion — more than Amazon.com Inc. at the time.

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DADS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS

JUST SAYIN'
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Justin Halpern is a testament to the power of Twitter.

A lovable loser who was dumped by his girlfriend, he moved back home and started mining his father's advice, salted liberally with profanity, and tweeting it to his followers, who grew into the millions.

Eventually, that turned into a book contract, then a book called S--t My Dad Says, then a sitcom starring William Shatner as "Dad," now another book, this one called I Suck at Girls. And he has already sold the TV rights.

As Dad says: "Any idiot can get lucky once. Takes a special idiot to get lucky twice." Gee, thanks.

Father-son code

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me. 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

Oh, and Justin eventually got — and married — the girl, so maybe he doesn't actually suck at girls.

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me. 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

After a while, the charm of wondering whether any request for advice was going to be met with either option 1) or 2) wore off, and I stopped asking. I mean, I already had three jobs and always passed the salt. As far as I could tell, following instructions failed to help with girls.

One of my earliest attempts at romance failed when the object of my affections said I'd make "some girl a great husband." Which at the time sounded like a crushing put down. Which it was. Even worse, I'm not even sure my actual wife would agree.

Justin says that when his wife-to-be broke up with him the first time, it was his lucky day. Otherwise he never would have moved back home and tweeted Dirty Dad to riches and fame.

I had the same kind of bittersweet formative love life: When I was 16, I met a terrific girl with terrific red hair and a terrific itsy-bitsy teeny-weenie yellow polka dot bikini. Unfortunately, she also came with a psychopath named Ray who owned a Harley.

So I was curious what Sam Halpern had to say about the inhabitants of Venus.

Here's the cleanest I could find. "No, you can be ugly and get laid. You just gotta be willing to sc--w someone uglier than you." Dad's a real piece of work.

I Suck at Girls is shot through with similarly colourful bromides. At one point, when he was nine, Justin asked Sam to explain the birds and the bees. "No," said Sam. "You don't even have hair on your balls."

I think I prefer "pass the salt" and "get a job."

According to a recent survey, Justin and I aren't the only ones getting bad advice from Dad. Turns out only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually experience an orgasm during sex, compared to 84 per cent of men.

Maybe we should all just get a job instead.

Justin Halpern FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

Royal portrait is rubbish

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Royalist art

The Queen has a button nose — literally

Jane Perkins
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Artist Jane Perkins has created three portraits of the Queen made from unwanted buttons, beads and small plastic toys.

The triptych depicts the monarch in three stages of life: during her Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. The above two are for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee. METRO WORLD NEWS

Perkins on her Queen art

- **Sum of many parts.** "I honestly cannot say how many separate items I have used in these portraits. Generally speaking, I use everything from small plastic toys, beads, broken jewelry, buttons, bottle tops and other small found objects to create my art. I get these materials from car boot sales and charity shops that can't sell them. I started out doing this art while making brooches in my final year in my degree in textiles. I was inspired by headdresses from Ecuador used in religious processions, many of which have been made from Barbie doll parts. While I don't consider myself an ardent royalist, I have enjoyed making the portraits of the Queen, particularly as making the crown with different shiny objects can be a very creative process."
- **How it's all pieced together.** "It doesn't take too long to make one portrait — only two weeks. First, I blow up an image of the person to a 70-by-50 centimetre size, and start sticking the various objects on top of the blow-ups themselves. As the colour of the blow-up photocopy is often faded, I always have an 'original', smaller but higher-resolution image to work from. This way, I can stay true to the original colours of the portraits when I add my items."
- **Artistic philosophy.** "I have serious views about recycling and reusing materials. We're drowning in so much unwanted stuff."

In numbers

129

is the number of portraits the Queen has sat down for during her reign. Lucien Freud's portrayal in 2001 proved to be the most controversial, with critics describing the sober likeness as "extremely unflattering."

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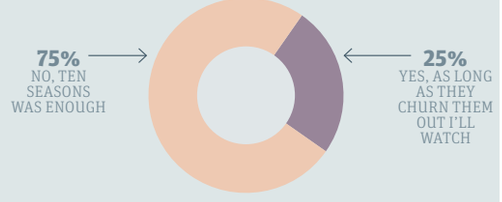

Twitter

@ kjh200: Got my Brett Lawrie shirt on rep-pin from my couch tonight for the @BlueJays tonight. Big screen isnt as sweet as the field but close enough!

@nicholasmizera: Would some deodorant company please start giving out anti-perspirant samples at subway entrances? #ttc #Toronto

@prappafix: Mike McCoy and Rajai Davis are not best for #bluejays longterm plans... This is a joke, Thames has a better avg then half the team

@mattbraga: Sounds like trouble is afoot at Conservative Party HQ today.

@Proteautype: Leafs sign KHLer Leo Komarov. Somewhere, Harold Ballard is charging other ghosts to watch him spin in his grave.

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Evil thoughts and threads

Snow White and the Huntsman. Dressed to kill — Charlize Theron shines as a wicked queen in beautiful but 'treacherous' costumes

Charlize Theron's evil queen costumes for Snow White and the Huntsman called for hundreds of hand-cut rooster feathers, thousands of iridescent beetle wings from Thailand and one particularly imposing crown.

The outfits, some of which are on view at an LA pop-up gallery ahead of the film's June 1 opening, represented a host of firsts for Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood.

From the leather piping on the pleats of the queen's wedding gown to the gauzy green metal trim on the beetle-wing dress, the nine-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner experimented with materials for director Rupert Sanders' dark take on the classic fairy tale.

"The idea of the fairy tale sets you free in a way because you can make it up," Atwood said. "And I love to make up stuff." She created an armoured ensemble fit for a queen by dressing up chain mail with rolled leather and horsehair trim and topping it off with a particularly pointy metal crown.

"We wanted to have a formidable silhouette," Atwood said, "and from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything." (Theron stands nearly six feet tall, the designer added.)

In Sanders' version of the Snow White story, Kristen Stewart portrays the only woman in the land fairer than Theron's evil queen Ravenna. The queen dispatches a huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to kill the young woman, but instead he becomes her mentor and protector.

Atwood took on the project after finishing work on Tim Burton's Dark Shadows, starring Johnny Depp. Atwood and Burton are frequent and successful collaborators. Her most recent Oscar was for his 2010 film Alice in Wonderland, and she earned nominations for her costumes in Burton's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street and Sleepy Hollow.

Academy-Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood with a costume from Snow White and the Huntsman in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow White director Sanders said Atwood's wardrobes "blend seamlessly into this world, and they speak volumes about the world and its characters."

Theron agreed. From the wedding dress, with its architectural shoulders that appear to be made from bones, to the twice-embroidered gown that eventually resembles an old, peeling skin, Atwood's costumes reflect the evil queen's obsession with appearances.

"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems," Theron said. "In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

To minimize the actual onset torture, Atwood employed a team of about 50 people to help the actors in and out of the elaborate costumes.

But the beetle wings remain dangerous. Thousands of the hard, brittle wings decorate the evil queen's regal dress of silk and metal mesh.

"They're incredibly sharp, so I had to be careful about how I used them. If you hit them, you can hurt yourself," the designer said. "They're quite treacherous, which really suited the character." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A guide to killer animal movies

Piranha 3DD. In the hinterland who's who of cinema there are as many kinds of 'animals gone wild' movies as there are animals

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This weekend Piranha 3DD dusts off not one, but two nature attacks genres.

First and foremost it falls squarely into the 'death from the briny depths' category. In the movie blood-crazed prehistoric fish nibble their way through a fresh pack of nubile teenagers at a water park, joining the likes of Jaws (hungry shark on the beach species), Mako: Jaws of Death (psychic sharks) and Tentacles (angry squid gets even with calamari eaters) and Piranha, the 1978 film about man eating fish at a summer resort ("They're eating the guests, sir."). Frankenfish features a genetically engineered fish who is a double threat — it swims and walks on land!

Piranha 3DD also falls into the 'hungry primeval creature' sub-genre. Most famous of this genre is Grizzly, a 1976 movie about an ancient 18-foot bear who snacks on campers.

On the other end of the scale are the 'mutated bug' movies. Tired of being squished under foot these critters are the product of scientific research or radioactive mutation. Them! and Empire of the Ants see radioactively modified ants acting up, while William Shatner battles killer web-slingers in Kingdom of the Spiders. In Spider one character sums up the plot with the line, "That spider is a killing machine!"

Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety.

Animals had gone wild on film before The Birds, but usually because they were tormented by their owners — King Kong — or victims of radiation — see 'chemically altered bug movies' — or hungry — Food of the Gods where giant chickens feed on humans — but Hitchcock's birds attack for no reason.

Christopher Lloyd stars as Mr. Goodman in Piranha 3DD HANDOUT

Next is the 'mother nature is angry' genus, and everyone knows it's best not to annoy Mother Earth. Everyone that is except the campers who learn that forest animals don't react kindly to having their home turned into a waste dump in Long Weekend.

And finally there's the 'animal cage match', seen in Frogs, in which members of a rich Southern family are massacred by all manner of animals — birds, lizards and even butterflies — in payback for ruining the environment.

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Scene in brief

Citytv announces fall lineup

A new comedy from the creators of Will & Grace, the addition of late night host Jimmy Kimmel and the arrival of Katie Couric's daytime talk show are among the highlights of Citytv's fall slate of shows. Upcoming offerings include the buddy comedy Partners from Will & Grace creators David Kohan and Max Mutchnick, the odd-couple sibling sitcom Ben and Kate, Mindy Kaling's single-camera The Mindy Project and Reba McEntire's Malibu Country. Another five comedies are set for mid-season: 1600 Penn, about life in a dysfunctional White House; The Goodwin Games about three grown siblings who stand to inherit millions; How to Live with Your Parents (For the Rest of Your Life) with Sarah Chalke as a single mom forced to move back in with her parents; plus Citytv productions Package Deal, about three overly close brothers and Seed, about a sperm donor who becomes entangled in the lives of his newfound children. Meanwhile, J.J. Abrams's dystopian drama Revolution and the creepy 666 Park Avenue also hit airwaves this fall. The Hannibal Lecter thriller Hannibal and Sex and the City prequel The Carrie Diaries will air mid-season.
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Brandon Routh plays a high school lacrosse coach who returns to his roots in Crooked Arrows. CONTRIBUTED

From 'faster than a speeding bullet' to a Crooked Arrow

A bit of a gamble. A wealthy businessman wants to put a casino in the aboriginal community where he grew up. The catch? He's got to coach lacrosse

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It's been six years since Brandon Routh donned a cape and leotards for his role as Superman in Superman Returns.

But is the 31-year-old actor softening on his man of steel reputation? It would seem so in his new film, Crooked Arrows. In the movie, Routh's athletic prowess is challenged — by way of a race — by a hopeless high school lacrosse team that he's been charged with coaching. It ends in a sprint and embarrassment for the man who could once claim he was faster than a speeding bullet.

"I had to pull up a bit, that was an acting job," he insists, laughing. "I'm a bit older than those guys, but I'm still pretty fast."

Regardless, Routh's character is more prodigal than super in Crooked Arrows. He plays half-Iroquois Joe Logan, a successful businessman and former high school lacrosse star who has lost touch with his Native American roots. When he returns to his community to convince his father, the chief, to build a casino on the land, his father and the rest of the council concede to the idea — on one condition — he coaches the high school lacrosse team that hasn't won a single game all season. Oh yeah, he also has to find his roots again.

Sound a bit like the Mighty Ducks? It is. The main difference is, of course, the sport and the role that Native American culture and spirituality play in the film.

For Routh, the role was an opportunity to engross himself in some of his own background — his father's family has Kickapoo heritage. "Obviously the Iroquois nation is separate from (Kickapoo) but I was excited because I didn't have any contact with that culture in my family because we were so far removed," he says.

He also got to learn a little bit more about lacrosse, admitting his only exposure to the game before the film was a one-week stint in Grade 8 phys-ed and the occasional game on ESPN. "When you see me take some shots, I had to learn for that specific scene just so that I looked legit, which took a lot of time," he says.

The most important lesson he took from lacrosse, though, was the culture surrounding the sport. "Watching (Native Americans) play and hearing them talk about why they play gave me a lot of insight into how they live life. Just knowing that one reason they play this game is not to win, per se, but to entertain the creator. That's an interesting prospect and a lot more can be learned from participating in a sport if you play that way."

Avoiding stereotypes

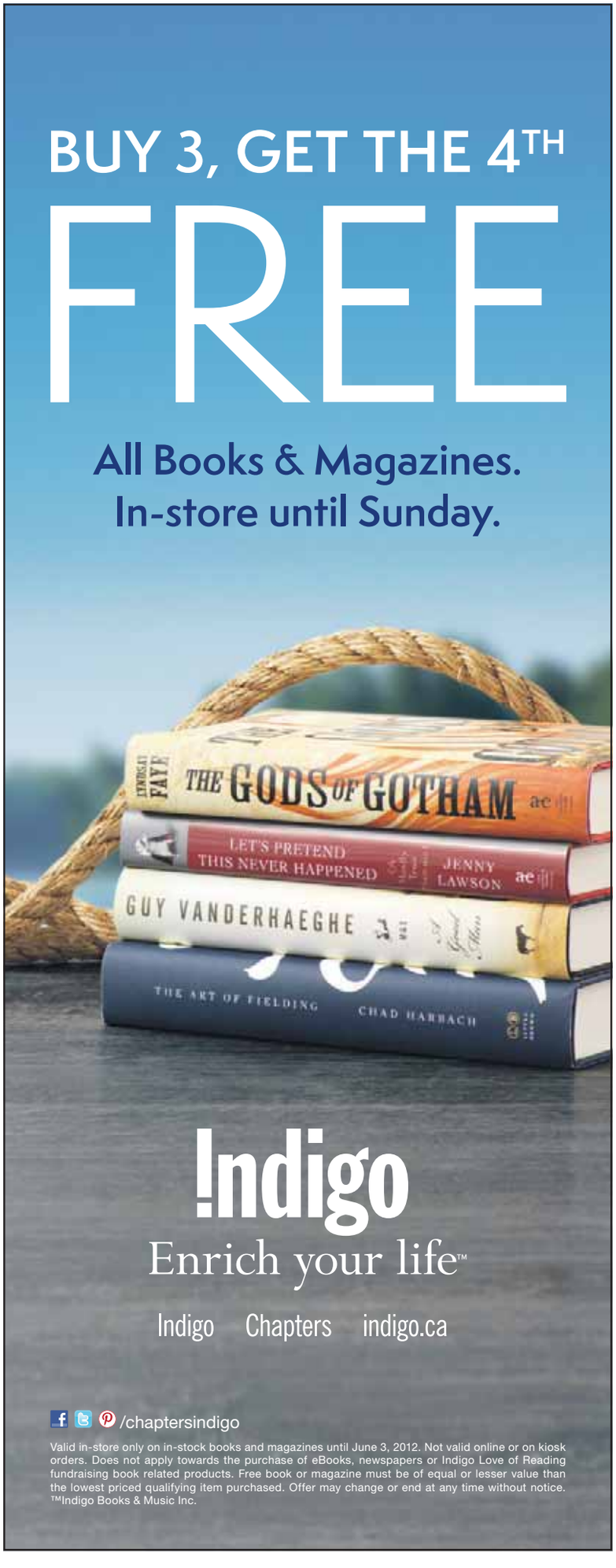
Showing Native American culture

With a story that focuses so much on culture and spirituality, it is always a challenge not to make assumptions or oversimplify a complex society.

Routh says the producers and writers avoided this by going through several script edits.

"Ten years ago, when this idea started out, that was a challenge. Two guys had an idea about making this film and they had passion for it, but they didn't know Native American culture very well. So the script went through pass after pass after pass," he says.

"There was somebody at the Smithsonian who looked at it and helped refine it, but there was also a lot of input from people from the Onondaga area."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To ballet or not to ballet: What's on stage this week

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While June is a period of transition for many of Toronto's theatres as their season draws to a close and Luminato tides us over until the launch of the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, there are still some exciting shows on-stage now!

At Toronto's venerable Tarragon Theatre is a revival of one of Quebec playwright Michel Tremblay's best known works: The Real World. With no affiliation to the banal MTV show of the same name, Tremblay's The Real World explores the relationship between his own biography and his ability to create art out of his past. The Tarragon Theatre hosted the English language premiere of the Real World almost 25 years ago and Tremblay's words continue to be relevant as well as thought provoking.

The Real World opened at the Tarragon Theatre last week and is on stage until June 3.

Downtown, Toronto's National Ballet Company is proud to present the North American premiere of the Ballet Manheim version of Hamlet. Choreographed by Kevin O'Day in 2008 this ballet version of Shakespeare's Hamlet has yet to be seen in North America. Known for its faithful adherence to Shakespeare's story, O'Day's Hamlet is skillful in its ability to merge plot with dance.

Hamlet is on stage at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts from June 1-9.

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Trebek triumphs with another trophy

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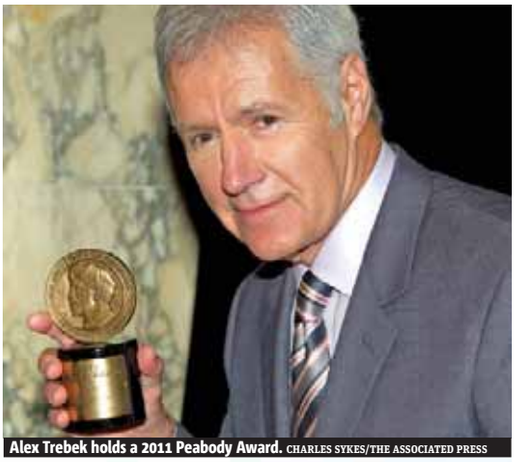

Alex Trebek holds a 2011 Peabody Award. CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Let's take "Breakfast" for $500: An Oh Henry! chocolate bar and a Diet Pepsi.

And here's the question: What did Alex Trebek consume a couple of hours before this breakfast interview?

"When I say 'the Breakfast of Champions,' I'm serious," he jokes as he orders just coffee.

A morning routine of candy and cola might not seem strange for someone other than Trebek. But for 28 years as host of Jeopardy! he's blended likeability with an air of erudition and correctness. He's seemingly not the sort of guy who, at 71, might choose a wake-up menu better suited to a child whose mother's back is turned.

Trebek acknowledges the apparent contradiction, and, in his resonant, precise voice, is happy to cite another.

"People say, 'You look to be in great shape for your age,' and I guess I am," he allows – "except that I keep breaking things."

There's that darned Achilles tendon, which he tore last July chasing a woman who invaded his San Francisco hotel room and filched several items.

"It's been nine months, and it still kills me when I walk," Trebek says. "And I'm constantly injuring myself. Doing work around the house, you don't notice when you injure yourself. An hour later you say, 'Geez, I'm bleeding. How did that happen?'

"Except," he adds with a bit of comic timing, "if you bang your head, you notice. You should never wear a baseball cap when working in close quarters in the attic: You never see that beam above you!"

But if Trebek repairing his roof on a tottery ladder (result: a broken arm) seems out of character, so be it. In person, he is leading-man handsome in a natty grey suit, a model of calm and control, the perfect steward of TV's answer-and-question institution. (Check local listings for time and channel.)

The L.A.-based Trebek is in New York to receive a Peabody Award for electronic media, as Jeopardy joins other awardees that include serious documentaries, edgy comedies and high-toned dramas.

"We're in some prestigious company," Trebek says. "But I think what makes Jeopardy! special is that, among all the quiz and game shows out there, ours tends to encourage learning.

A lot of the stuff is trivia, but maybe a subject will come up that will arouse the viewers' curiosity and they'll want to find out more. We tell you it's OK to be bright, to know a lot of things, and to want to learn."

Certainly, the Jeopardy audience (which averages nine million daily) is rallied by each day's three contestants who confront the game board with its half-dozen categories, each of whose five answers demands the right question.

Maybe never in the show's long history was the competition fiercer, and more fun, than in February 2011, when a supercomputer named Watson humbled reigning human champs in a battle of Machine vs. Man.

"I for one welcome our new computer overlords," Ken Jennings (famed record-holder for the longest winning streak) scribbled alongside his Final Jeopardy response.

Just another learning experience for all.

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The Word

Wayne Coyne shows us a new side of Erykah Badu

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Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of Erykah Badu, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

She's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit Express Yourself for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, Madonna mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knock-off when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of Express Yourself.

We're not sure what to think here: playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli dishes on her celebrity crushes

A few years with Leonardo DiCaprio has apparently made Bar Refaeli choosy when it comes to men.

"Justin Bieber and I are going to get married some day," she tells Us Weekly at the Maxim magazine Hot 100 party. (Refaeli came in at No. 1, by the way.) "I also like Tom Cruise. He's very classy. I liked him in Jerry Maguire and in roles like that."

And while Refaeli's tastes skew A-list, they're not confined to men, as the Israeli model admits she has a massive girl-crush on Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence. "She's natural, she's down to earth. I think she's all that."

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On the web

Montreal's Ritz-Carlton shows off results of $200-million restoration.

The top five arty hotels

A crappy reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers just doesn't cut it in a boutique hotel trying to attract high-end, culturally demanding guests. Here are some hotels that combine style with the feel of an art gallery.

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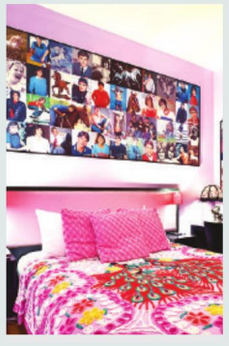
Hotel La Belle Juliette, Paris, France

In 2005, the photography-loving owners of Hotels Paris Rive Gauche, a group of boutique hotel gems in the French capital, commissioned photographers to capture the essence of a night's stay at one of their hotels in a single shot. The project proved such a hit that it inspired an annual "A hotel photo, an artist's view" photo prize and exhibition, to support up-and-coming photographers. Each month a different young photographer is invited to give their take on a night's stay at a HPRG hotel; the results are shown on phpa.fr and in an annual show in a gallery. hotel-belle-juliette-paris.com

Town Hall Hotel, London, England

The owners of this imposing hotel in the former Bethnal Green Town Hall commissioned seven artists to create works as it was being built. They integrate sensitively with the original features from the 1910s and 1930s and reflect the building's rich history; the art here is built into the hotel. So Debbie Lawson's wooden veneer Victorian-era ladies of the night are discreetly inlaid into the parquet floor that runs along the first floor corridor, and Zoe Mendelson's artwork lights up the 1930s original Town Hall safe in the reception. townhallhotel.com



The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Not only are the 37 rooms in Toronto's artiest and oldest continuously-operating hotel designed by artists, but the entire building is dedicated to art. A full-time curator organizes exhibitions in the four galleries, and the hotel hosts around 100 art events and exhibitions every year, as well as live performances, comedy, gigs, burlesque and creative courses. More than 4,000 art lovers flock to the annual Come Up To My Room festival, when artists and designers display their works, with sculptures throughout the corridors, the guestrooms and generally imposing their presence on the hotel's public spaces for four days. gladstonehotel.com

Gramercy Park Hotel, New York

It's not every night that you get to sleep beneath one of Damien Hirst's spin paintings, but you can do that at the Gramercy Park Hotel. This is hotel meets art museum. The flamboyant interiors of this grand hotel were reconceived by designer Ian Schrager and painter Julian Schnabel, whose work hangs above the fireplace. Priceless works are littered throughout this wildly creative space, from Basquiats and Andy Warhols discreetly hung in lounges alongside bespoke designer furniture pieces, to a vast scarlet Cy Twombly canvas in the lounge. gramercyparkhotel.com

The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

This luxurious hotel in Johannesburg has a strong sense of its African heritage – Nelson Mandela moved in here after he was released from his prison ordeal and wrote his famous autobiography, The Long Road to Freedom. The hotel recently invested in a significant collection of African art, acquiring more than 200 original artworks created by 11 emerging and established South African artists, giving guests the chance to fully immerse themselves in African culture. saxon.co.za

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Iceberg tours offer a prehistoric taste of the last ice age

Newfoundland.
Nature's frozen sculptures from another era make for great sightseeing on the east coast

Six weeks after the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster showcased Iceberg Alley off Newfoundland, an early and plentiful show of the glacial sculptures is drawing visitors from around the world.

Tourists from Japan, South Africa, Europe, the U.S. and across Canada are lining up for their chance to admire these mammoth relics from the last ice age.

Huge white-and-aqua-blue blocks carved by wind and waves into towering pillars, contoured slabs and smooth Henry Moore-like shapes now dot the province's coastlines.

Capt. Barry Rogers, co-owner and operator of Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours with his wife Carol Anne Hayes, says it has already been the best iceberg viewing season off St. John's in recent years.

"Normally our season is the latter part of May and June.

"We've been doing iceberg tours since May 9, and with full boats," he said of the vessel that's equipped with a life raft for 75 people along with personal flotation devices. It typically carries between about 30 and 50 passengers, he said.

On a recent tour, Rogers steered the boat through St. John's Harbour, past the colourful clapboard houses of the Battery that hug Signal Hill, through the Narrows and out into the open North Atlantic. Cruising at about eight knots past Cape Spear's iconic flashing lighthouse, the most easterly point of North America, it wasn't long before relatively small but hazardous chunks of ice, or "bergy bits," could be seen in the water.

These rock-hard blocks of ice are feared by mariners for their ability to slice even the strongest hull like a can opener. Rogers said bergy bits are a major reason why he avoids night trips at this time of year.

Melting pieces of ice less than five metres long are called "growlers" for the sounds they make, "like a saucy dog" as they release air, he added.

A bit farther out, the boat's radar picked up something that was soon seen rising up from the water ahead. It was a tabular iceberg, about 90-metres long and 45-metres wide, flat on the surface where icy dust was visible alongside deepening crevices and cracks. Melt-water rushed off in places like small rivers.

"Awesome!" was the response from several passengers as Rogers asked what they thought.

"We're looking at 600 to 700 feet of water underneath us right now," the captain said, urging them to envision that 90 per cent of the berg's mass is submerged.

Rogers described over a microphone how the big slab likely split from glaciers that cover much of Greenland. They form a thick ice coating that creeps down hills and ridges, breaking off with a booming crash as it reaches the sea. Resulting bergs are believed to be at least 12,000-year-old frozen samples of some of the purest water on earth. They float because they're less dense than sea water.

Tourists are especially fascinated with icebergs because of the Titanic and a surging interest in Newfoundland and Labrador thanks to a hit advertising campaign, Rogers said. The International Ice Patrol, formed after a relatively small berg sank the great ship on April 15, 1912, to this day reports the movement of sea ice for those navigating these dangerous waters.

One crew member armed with a large fishing net captured a chunk of ice to chip into prehistoric cocktails.

"We sprinkle rum over the 12,000-year-old ice," Rogers said. "Where else would you get to consume something that's from the ice ages?"

Shane Sweeney, a crane operator from Peterborough, N.H., has seen glaciers in Alaska but was impressed with what he saw off Newfoundland. "Most places you go in the world you're not going to see ice floating around like that."

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If you go...

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- **Northland Discovery Boat Tours, St Anthony, N.L.:** discovernorthland.com or 1-877-632-3747.
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Steve Lake, a crew member aboard Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours, holds up an iceberg chunk estimated to be at least 12,000 years old that was set to be chipped into cocktails. MIKE WERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nathan Stanley and Steve Lake look at an iceberg in the North Atlantic aboard Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours.
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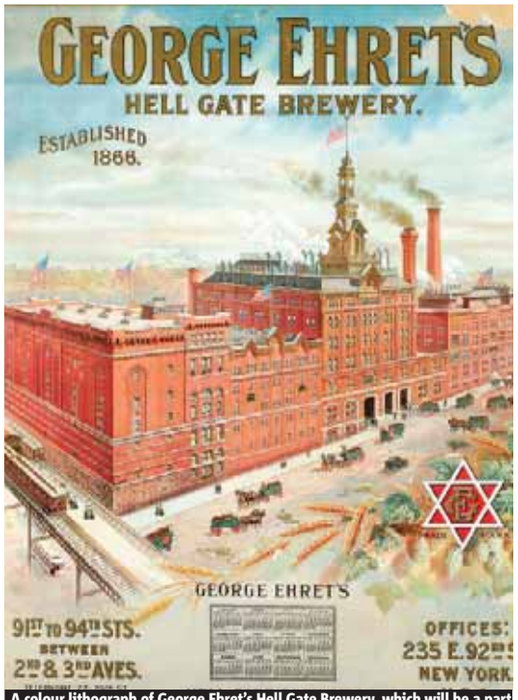
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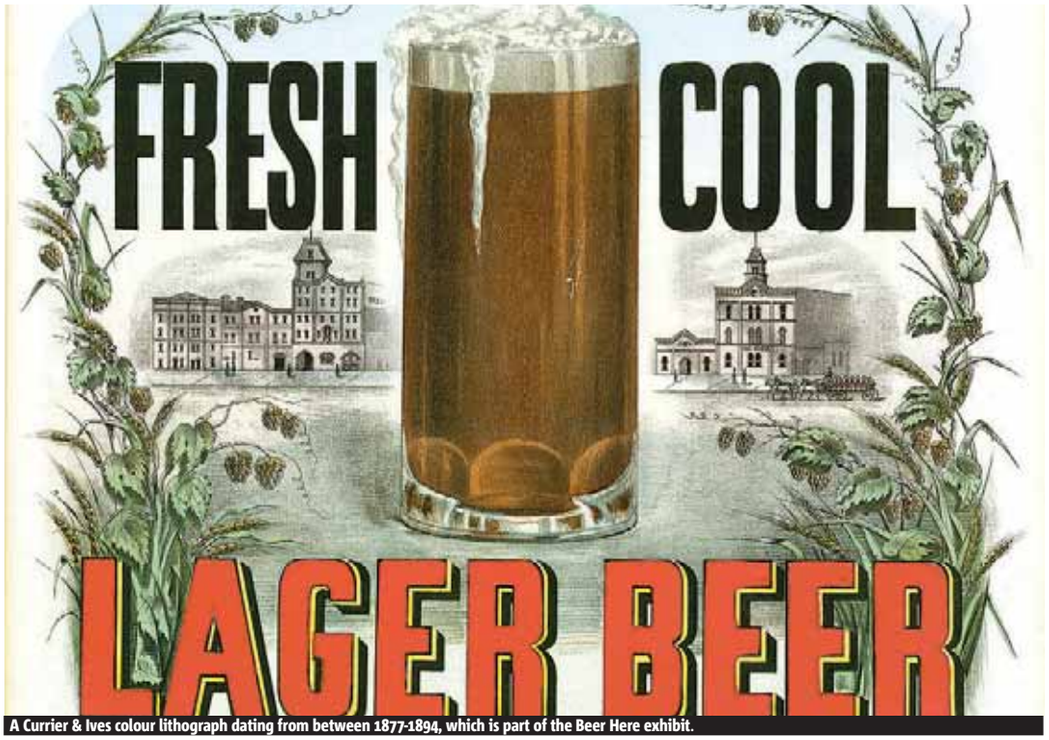

A Currier & Ives colour lithograph dating from between 1877-1894, which is part of the Beer Here exhibit.

Society and suds: New York City exhibit traces history of beer

Raise your glass. Get a Colonial history lesson and finish off the afternoon with a frosty pint at the bar that's part of the exhibit

Beer was hip in New York long before hipsters were into craft brews, according to a new exhibit at the New York Historical Society that traces the history of beer all the way back to drunken colonial times.

And it's not your typical staid museum display: There's even a bar at the end of it.

Beer Here, which opens Friday in New York City and runs through Sept. 2, aims to show that beer is steeped in the state's alcoholic history. From a manifest with beer orders for George Washington's troops to the diary of a 14-year-old hop picker, the exhibit capitalizes on the growing popularity of microbreweries and beer gardens. And it makes the case that, once upon a time, New York — once called New Amsterdam — was at the forefront of the American beer scene.

"Beer was very important to New Yorkers from the earliest point of colonization," said museum curator Debra Schmidt Bach. "The Dutch have a strong beer tradition, so it was a very common drink in their culture, and that's true for the English, as well."

New York City was notorious for its taverns in the mid-1700s, when there were more watering holes here than in any other colony after Dutch colonists brought beer over by the boatload from Europe. Back then, beer was often healthier to drink than water.

"Clean water was a huge issue," Schmidt Bach said. "And most of the sources that had been developed in the early 18th century were pretty polluted by the 1770s. So absolutely, beer was much cleaner."

Scratched, cloudy-looking ale and porter bottles excavated from lower Manhattan are on display as evidence of beer's popularity there during the 18th and 19th centuries. And an accounting ledger from tavern owner William D. Faulkner — no relation to the famous writer — shows he supplied beer to thirsty Revolutionary War soldiers, continental and British soldiers alike.

Old-fashioned tools used to harvest ice in up-state New York are on display, detailing the process that enabled brewers to keep beer cool during the warmer months. Hops became a commercial crop in 1808, thanks to the state's hop-friendly climate, and Bavarian lagers arrived soon afterward.

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Resurgence

Will NYC return to its sudsy glory?

While New York was a beer hub in the 18th and 19th centuries, blue mildew outbreaks and spider mite infestations decimated the hops a century later — and the advent of Prohibition was the death knell for New York's dominance as a viable hops-growing area. The region has lagged behind the rest of the country's beer entrepreneurs ever since. But the explosion of microbreweries in recent years has some people hoping beer is making a comeback.

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Weak snowpack could leave paddlers high and dry out west

Colorado adventures. Guides are worried that low water levels could result in canoe trip cancellations this summer

Canoe? Check. Paddle? Check. Life preserver? Check. Epic whitewater conditions? Maybe next year.

After a winter of historically low snowpack combined with an earlier-than-normal runoff, Colorado river guides and tourists are adjusting their spring and summer plans for what is turning out to be an early paddling season.

"We really live on snowpack. That's what it comes down to," said Richard Ferguson, a trip co-ordinator for The Poudre Paddlers Canoe and Kayak Club, which serves northern Colorado.

The whitewater canoeist said low river flows already have forced him to cancel one trip scheduled in July on the Yampa River in northwest Colorado. Another group outing that had been planned for Memorial Day had to be moved.

"A light snowpack means that the peak is very early," Ferguson said. "What happens is the season just disappears very quickly. What you have essentially is no water to paddle in."

Although he still plans to hit the rapids just about every other week for the time being, Ferguson predicts there won't be any paddling on northern Colorado's Poudre River by mid-summer.

"At some point you're scraping bottom and kind of beating up your boat," he said. "At some point it gets to where it's really not worth it anymore."

That point is not yet clear.

According to The Natural Resources Conservation Service, the statewide snowpack was seven per cent of average as of last Thursday, with more than half of all snow survey locations in Colorado reporting no snow.

Mage Skordahl, the NRCS's assistant snow survey supervisor, said Colorado's snowpack peaked around March 12, a month ahead of average, and current conditions in the state match those recorded during the record-setting drought of 2002, one of the toughest years for river guides in the state.

It's a scenario that is playing out across a vast swath of the west this year, especially in the Colorado River Basin, which drains parts of seven states and is largely parched by severe drought this year, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System.

Alex Mickel, president of Mild to Wild Rafting and Jeep Trail Tours in Arizona, said his company tries to take advantage of the early runoff to run trips on the Verde and Salt rivers, but the amount of snowfall dictates how long the rafting season will run.

With more snowfall in eastern Arizona's White Mountains this past winter, the trips lasted longer than the previous year but still had to be cut short by about a week because of the low water levels.

"Anytime we make it into May, we consider it a success," Mickel said. "We're glad we got enough snow to do that. We'd certainly like to see more."

In New Mexico, drought continues its grip across the state to some degree, and water levels in reservoirs are low. Meanwhile, the Rio Grande, Chama and other rivers known for rafting aren't as high as in years past. But with persisting dry conditions, rafting companies say they have learned to adapt to lower river levels over the last couple of years.

And despite New Mexico's recent statewide drought declaration, some areas like Taos had decent snowfall over the winter.

In fact, northern New Mexico had the country's best early snow conditions, and because of that, some outdoor enthusiasts could steer toward the state rather than places like Colorado and Wyoming.

Still, some in Colorado think this season will turn out OK and are hoping potential rafters will not be deterred.

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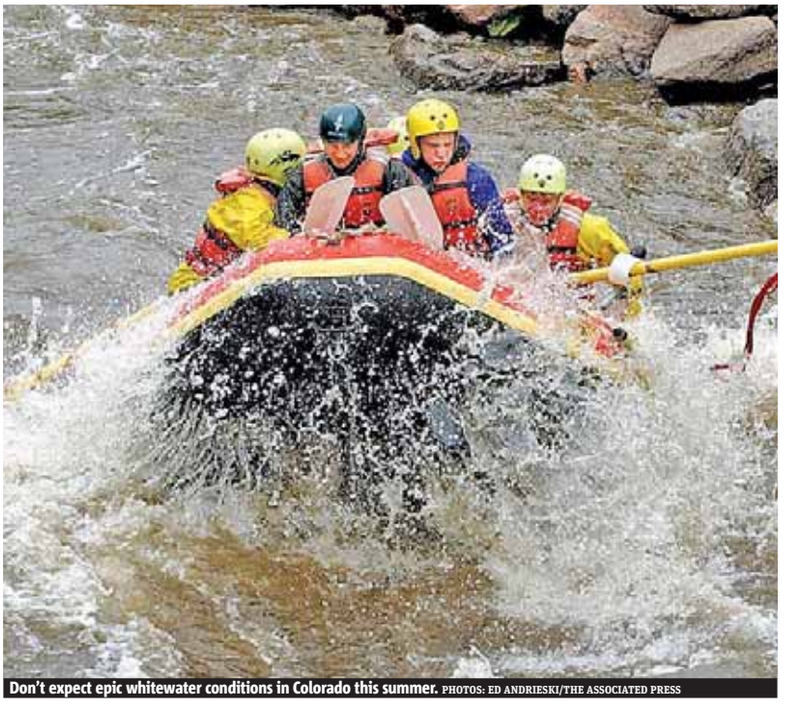
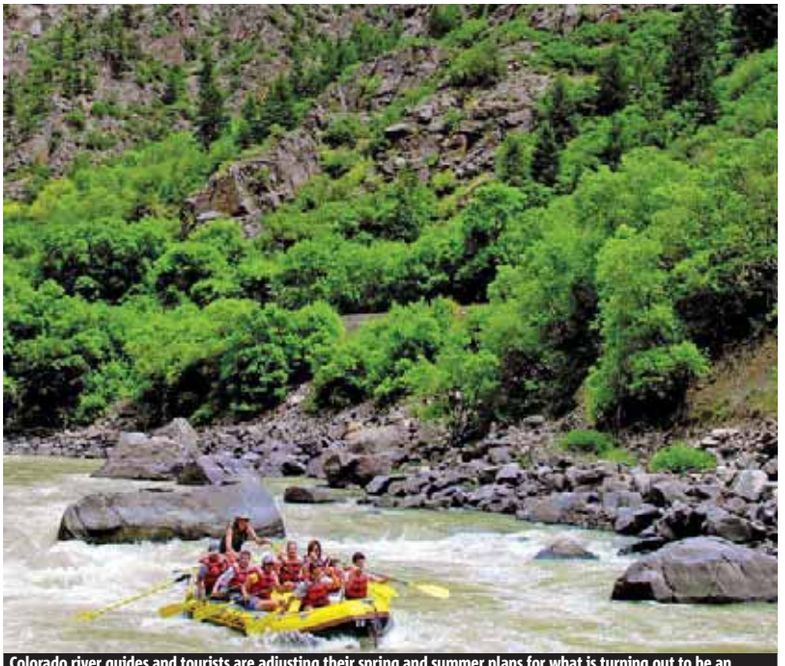
Hope springs...

Low water isn't always a bad thing

Jon Donaldson, co-owner of River Runners, a rafting guide company based in Buena Vista, said "we're going ahead full bore like there won't be an effect. "The flows are part of the equation but not the main part of the equation," he said, adding that, although counterintuitive, this season could be better for business because of the weak snowpack and low river flows. High water last season — especially in the Royal Gorge area near Canon City — closed parts of the popular Arkansas River because they were too dangerous to navigate.



Don't expect epic whitewater conditions in Colorado this summer. PHOTOS: ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Chaos is part of Bangkok's charm. But the savvy traveller quickly learns how to navigate the Thai capital's legendary traffic jams and discover its soul. Bangkok is still one of the best deals in Asia. Some of the world's tastiest street food sells for as little as 25 baht (80 cents) a plate. But for the really cheap, here are some outings that are free.

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5 free things to do in Bangkok

1 Temple hopping

Catch some karma at Bangkok's many Buddhist temples, known in Thai as "wats." Some of the most popular, Wat Po and Wat Arun, ask foreigners to pay a minimal entrance fee but hundreds of others are free, including the impressive Temple of the Golden Mount, also known as Wat Saket. A temple compound's shaded walkways and quiet corners are a perfect place to escape the sensory overload on Bangkok's busy streets.

2 Flower Market

Bangkok's largest flower market, Pak Klong Talat, is open 24 hours but it's busiest just after 2 a.m. when traders unload their fresh-cut blossoms in bulk. It's a kaleidoscope of colours with an incredible selection of orchids at jaw-droppingly cheap prices. The market is just south of Wat Pho and not far from the Grand Palace in the historical section of old Bangkok.

3 Lumpini Park

Lumpini Park is an oasis of tropical gardens and paved jogging paths in the middle of the city. Beat the heat by avoiding the park in midday. There are early morning tai chi classes and after work aerobics classes. You can rent paddle boats, take the kids to one of Bangkok's best outdoor playgrounds or marvel at the massive monitor lizards in the lake.

4 Chatuchak Market

Browsing is free at the largest outdoor market in Thailand, and it's a sight to see whether or not you take something home. Chatuchak's thousands of stalls are divided into sections that include antiques, home decor, clothing and food. You can find everything from Buddha statues and Thai handicrafts to handmade jewelry and the occasional endangered species in the live animal section. For upscale, air-conditioned window shopping, head to shopping malls Siam Paragon, Emporium or Central World.

5 Patpong

For a walk on Bangkok's wild side, take an evening stroll along Patpong Road. It offers the incongruous mix of go-go bars and evening shopping. A thriving night market selling T-shirts, pirate DVDs and other souvenirs runs through the red-light district and spills onto the adjacent Silom Road, which is packed with street food vendors, restaurants and bars.

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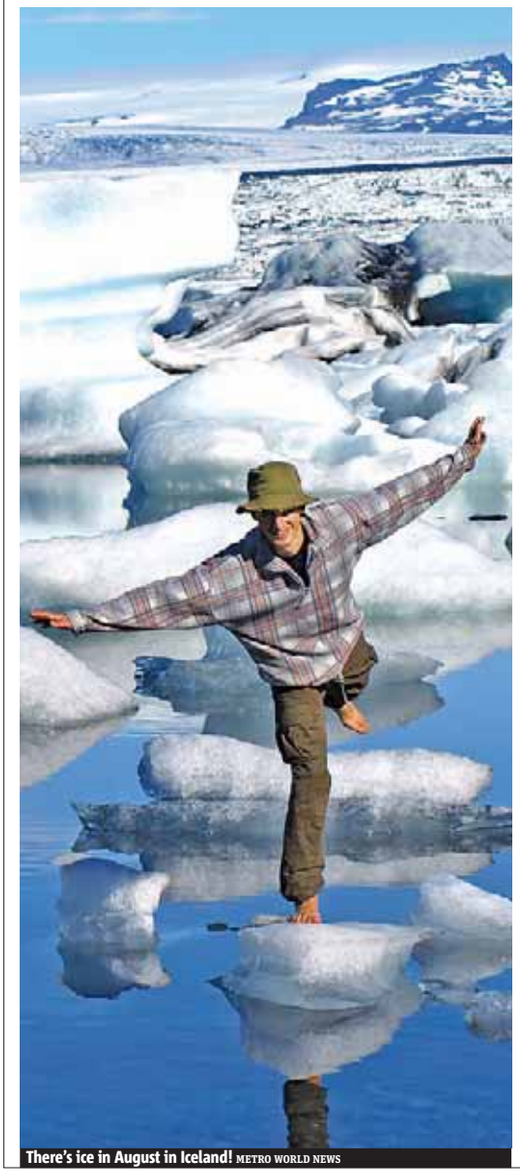
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It's the busiest travel month of the year, which makes planning difficult. If you haven't made a move, act now, using these ideas.

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1 Las Vegas

Holy rollers, it's hot here in August, but that's good news for you: It means (slightly) less tourists than usual. (Besides you'll be spending most of your time indoors anyway, doing things like reading "War and Peace" and studying Hebrew.) Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino is our choice for accommodation: It's got affordable rates, dancing ladies on the tables, and a pool whose sunlight is partially obscured by the hotel itself. Normally that'd be a negative but not in 107 F degree heat.

2 Iceland

Ice in August? It floats in the The Jökulsár Lagoon, where icebergs go boom into the clear blue water. It's one of many nature-ized attractions in this beautiful land, where you'll also want to hit the considerably warmer Blue Lagoon, the country's famous geothermal pool. After an economic collapse, Iceland can still use tourists, and you can enjoy the affordability.

3 Northern Spain

Green valleys and blue seas, on a good budget: The rural locals in Galicia, Cantabria and Asturias probably resemble the countryside near where you live, except it's in high-definition, where the colors just pop. Check out the bookings website Casas Cantabricas (casas.co.uk) for places to stay. You can select from villas or more modest stays. And what to do? Hike. Eat seafood or visit a pintxo bar. Surf. And bring the family.

4 The coast of Morocco

Along the Atlantic, the water cools the area a bit, but just a bit — try Marrakech or nearby Tunisia, where the temperatures average a tolerable 21-39 C, and it rarely rains. If that sounds too toasty for you, pop into Marrakech's Bahia Palace (with domes of cedar) or the folk art shrine Tiskiwin Museum. And in Tunisia, embrace the sun and stay on the set of Star Wars planet Tatooine, at the Hotel Sidi Driss.

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There is a lot of history in the U.K. and we've explored a lot of it as we made our way from Manchester to Wales. But give the kids a choice and they'll choose roller coasters every time. At Legoland in Windsor they went back to being kids for a day and we happily joined them. You know a day is a winner when the smile at the end is as big as the one at the beginning.

The Andes are heavenly, partly because they almost touch the heavens. THINKSTOCK.COM

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Because, really, look at that view. Water, mountains and forests: the South American country is many places in one, all beautiful

T. MICHELLE MURPHY
Metro World News

When most people think about planning a trip to Ecuador, they imagine visiting either the big cities — like Quito, the capital — or the luxurious Galapagos Islands. But in between, there's an array of travel opportunities that often get overlooked. Bordered by Colombia, Peru and the Pacific Ocean, the Republic of Ecuador is divided into three distinctly different landscapes: the coast, the Andes Mountains and the Amazon Rainforest.

1 The coast

You can soak in all of the nation's famed beach life without shelling out big bucks for the Galapagos. Close to Manta, a port city in the Manabi Province, you can set out on Isla Corazon (Heart Island) mangrove tours and explore the heritage of more rural villages. A few hours' drive brings you to Alandaluz Hosteria, an eco-lodge with pools and a private beach (alandaluzhosteria.com). Further south in Santa Elena, Salinas is nicknamed "Little Miami" for its fun-in-the-sun reputation. Nearby, Los Frailes is considered one of the country's most beautiful beaches.

2 The Andes

One major highlight is the Middle of the World, at the line of the equator in Pinchincha Province. You can learn about the physics and history of this intriguing geographical spot at its present, GPS-verified location — or at the site of the original monument, approximately 240 metres south. Don't miss El Crater, a restaurant and hotel located in Mirador del Puluagua on the edge of a large, scenic volcanic crater. With actual clouds wafting past at eye-level, the quirky-yet-upscale venue offers an exquisite sense of atmosphere (elcrater.com). Quilotoa

3 The Amazon

You can make an entire trip out of a jaunt to the Amazon. The rainforest offers a one-of-a-kind getaway where you can turn off your electronics, explore nature and escape from the world. Choose from eco-friendly retreats like the Napo Wildlife Center, where packages averaging four days include lodging, meals and activities. Bilingual guides lead hikes, bird-watching and canoe trips (napowildlifecenter.com).

4 Pit stop

In the middle of the three regions, Quito is an excellent layover for a day of rest and cultural intake. With stunning churches, museums, nightlife and plenty of shopping, the nation's capital offers more traditional urban tourism fare. Worth the steep drive through the heart of the city's colonial center, El Ventanal restaurant offers upscale dining with breathtaking panoramic views (elventanal.ec). Our advice: Don't skip dessert.

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Black Cod. Asparagus and creme fraîche walnut sauce makes this one delicious meal

Simple, light and delicious, this recipe combines fresh herbs and spices that perfectly complement the rich butter flavour of the fish.

The combo of creme fraiche and walnuts add a crunchy twist to a delicately spiced, classic meal.

The creamy walnut sauce can also be served on top of chicken breasts or turkey. It makes a delicious vegetable dip as well.

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnut pieces, coarsely chopped
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) creme fraîche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) walnut or olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, chopped
- 4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
- 20 asparagus spears, trimmed
- 4 pieces (each 150 g/4 oz) black cod

1. Cut 4 circles of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches in diameter); set aside.

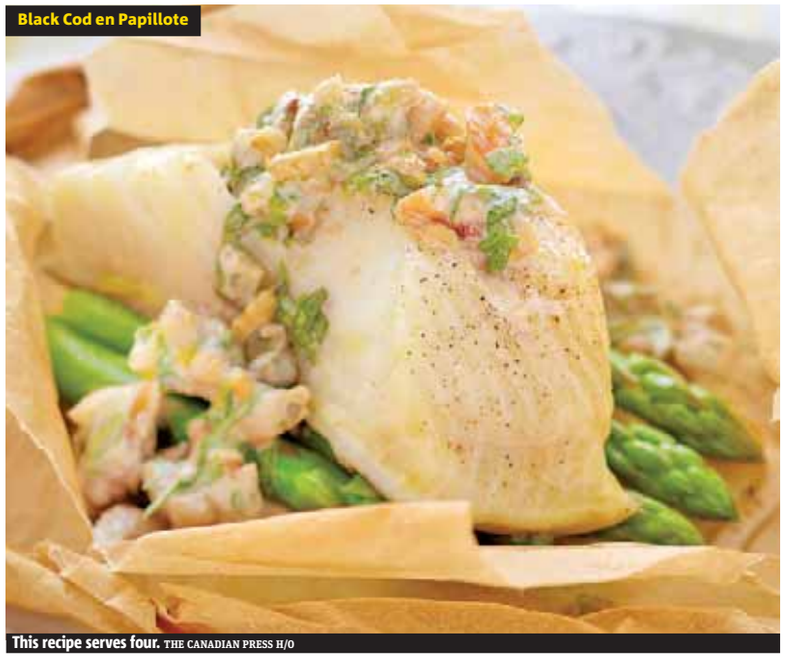
2. In a bowl, combine walnuts, tarragon, creme fraiche, Dijon mustard, vinegar, walnut oil and capers; set aside.

3. Fold one parchment round in half and unfold. Spread one sliced potato in the centre of the bottom half of parchment. Place five asparagus spears on top of the potato and then lay the black cod on the asparagus.

4. Spoon 1/4 of the walnut mixture on top of the cod and fold the top half of parchment over. Seal edges by twisting and pressing the edges together in a half moon pattern. Repeat with remaining pieces of cod.

5. Place parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 to 25 minutes until parchment is lightly browned.

6. Remove from oven. Carefully cut a slit in the top of the packets, taking care as contents will be hot and steam may escape. Tear back edges of paper to reveal fish and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WALNUTINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)



Black Cod en Papillote

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Drink of the Week

Watermelon Mojitos

1. In a tall glass, place mint. Using back of a wooden spoon, muddle. In blender, purée watermelon, 20 seconds. In a cocktail glass, combine watermelon, cherry syrup, lime juice and rum. Stir. Add ice and top with sparkling water. Serve immediately.

- 3 fresh mint sprigs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) watermelon purée
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cherry-flavoured syrup or grenadine
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) light rum
- Ice cubes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chilled sparkling water or club soda

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Steam your way to healthy and fat-free fish options

Admittedly, steamed fish doesn't exactly scream mouth-watering. But what it lacks in excitement it makes up for in health cred.

Steaming generally involves no added fat and is a great way of retaining all of the nutrients in your food. It's also speedy.

One of the best ways to steam fish is what the French call en papillote (pronounced on pap-ee-oat), or literally "in parchment." In this simple method, fish is wrapped in a packet of parchment paper. As it cooks, the food releases juices. Those flavourful juices turn to steam and are trapped in the packet, cooking and flavouring the food, while keeping it moist.

You also can add other ingredients to flavour and cook alongside the fish, such as herbs, slices of lemon and vegetables. Because fish cooks quickly, it's a good idea to pick vegetables that are either thinly cut or tender; this helps them cook at the same speed as the fish.

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound small green beans, trimmed
- Pinch smoked paprika
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Four 4-ounce hake fillets
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4 fresh mint leaves
- 4 small sprigs fresh marjoram
- 4 lemon slices

1. Heat the oven to 375 F.

2. Cut 4 large pieces parchment paper, about 12-by-20-inches each. Fold each in half the short way.

3. In bowl, toss green beans with the paprika. Season with salt and black pepper. Open each sheet of parchment similar to a book. Arrange quarter of beans on one half of each sheet of parchment, placing them close to the fold line. Top each pile with a hake fillet. Season again with salt and pepper.

4. Top each fillet with a sprig of thyme, a mint leaf, a sprig of marjoram and a slice of lemon. Fold the parchment packets closed like a book again. Starting at one end of the fold, fold the edges of the paper together every couple of inches, creating a seam all the way around. Tuck the last end under and place on a baking sheet.

5. Bake 10 minutes. To serve, place each packet on a serving plate and tear open at the centre.

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When the big cheese gets cheesed, a lot

The beastly boss. If the one in charge can change from charming to chilly on a dime, it's time to take control and figure out how to salvage the situation

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Is there something you could do to curb the crank? ISTOCK

They might raise their voice, pound their fists or even roll their eyes one too many times. It's the cranky boss — the one who seriously needs to take a nap — and they are throwing a fit in offices everywhere. It's time to learn how to handle this person.

First, know what you're dealing with. According to Rita Gunther McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School, there are two types of grouches: permanent and situational.

For the situational types, McGrath suggests noting what occasions and issues tend to provoke negative episodes.

She elaborates: "You need to understand what the person's goals and motivations are and why they may be frustrated in achieving these. If you can help them with their goals, they are often able to dial back on the bad karma."

And as for that permanent grump? "Have an escape route," says McGrath.

Michael Roberto, professor of management at Bryant University, suggests enlisting the help of others. "Find someone who has thrived working for this boss and ask them for tips on how to handle this person. What are their keys to success?" Or you can reach further.

"Find a mentor elsewhere in the organization so that you meet your developmental needs in a different way, rather than letting your development stagnate while working for this cranky boss."

Think it through

"You need to understand what the person's goals and motivations are and why they may be frustrated in achieving these."

Rita Gunter McGrath on the situational grouch

When all else fails

Be the adult in the room

- "Malcontented bosses are like unreasonably disgruntled children," explains Sarah Hathorn, CEO and founder of Illustra Consulting.
- "Solving the attitude issues of your boss is not part of your job description."
- "Stick to the real challenges and professional tasks by maintaining your own positive outlook, can-do attitude and healthy work and life balance."
- "Strive for performance and productivity while distinguishing between drama and bottom-line results."

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Student Voice

The hunt has been harder than expected

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In 2006, I dropped out of tourism and travel to pursue my dream: music. I specialized in Music Business and Engineering at Fanshawe College in London, Ont., and the program was structured so well that it seemed I wouldn't have any trouble finding a job after graduation.

The initial search was hard, and it took me a couple months of applications and emails before I finally landed an internship at a small music label in Toronto. It was a three-month internship with a chance for more work, I was told. So I packed up and moved to Toronto.

Eventually I was asked to start doing some commission work, which included researching bands and video editing. However, this small amount of pay was only for work I was doing outside office hours.

Three months later, I mentioned the idea of full-time work. My boss said, "This wasn't an internship; this is the job. We pay you commission — that's more than we'd ever give an intern. But keep up the good work!"

Two weeks later, I quit.

This is when it got hard. I spent an entire year unemployed with very few interviews. I applied for jobs in every city, a minimum of three per day.

It was a long and depressing year, and it never got better until a particularly desperate night in June, when I bit the bullet and applied to college programs for advertising. School is the one thing I was never rejected from.

Where I am now

I just finished my first year of Advertising Media Sales at Humber College, with honours. I chose advertising because it can be applied to so many fields and seems to always be a necessity for every successful company. For the past few months, I have been applying for summer internships in advertising and marketing departments all over the city. While I am currently waiting on a promising verdict from one company, it seems not much has changed. I only had two related interviews out of my dozens of applications, and I've run out of job listings. The main problem right now is that agencies want a graduate — someone who will be of use for more than just four months.

My recommendations for students

Job rejection really isn't personal and generally you're competing with 15 other people for one little job. The odds are never in your favour, but that doesn't mean you can just stop. You will never get the job you don't apply to, and you can never fear that rejection.

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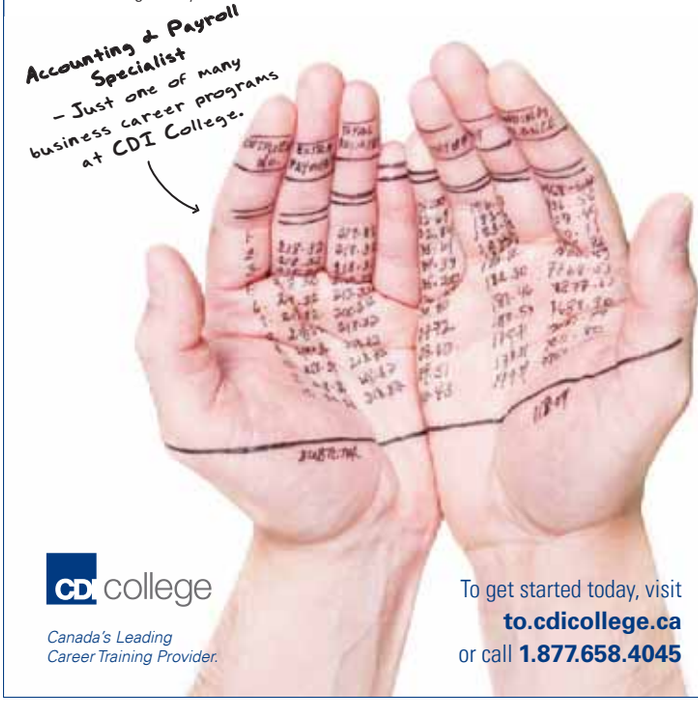

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If you haven't seriously considered the insurance industry as an ideal place to start your career, maybe these statistics will encourage you to start:

Not even the recent tough economic times could slow the growth of the insurance industry; while many industries were laying off workers at the height of the last economic downturn, about 12,000 positions were added to the insurance workforce in Canada.

In addition, according to recent demographic research conducted by The Insurance Institute of Canada, about half of the approximately 110,000 property and casualty insurance professionals are between 41 and 60 years old, and 25 per cent of them are expected to retire in the next two to six years.

There aren't enough young insurance professionals to fill those gaps at the entry level or to move up into management roles, so the opportunities to start and grow your career within the insurance industry are enormous no matter what your educational background.

Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute (career-connections.info), answered a few of our questions to help students and recent grads better understand the job opportunities in this booming industry.

What are the different areas of the insurance industry?

There are three main types of insurance:

Life, Health and Financial: Essentially, making sure money is there to support you in case you get sick or to make sure families and friends do not need to shoulder the costs associated with your final expenses.

Social Insurance: These are government administered programs. In Canada, we are lucky enough to have universal health care. We also have employment insurance and workplace safety insurance which make sure we have a means of financial support in the case of job loss or injury at work.

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What do people who work in insurance typically like most about their jobs?

When asked what they like most about the industry, many insurance professionals talk about the variety and stability the industry offers.

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A good starting point is the Career Connections website (career-connections.info). Here students and recent graduates can:

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Kickstart your career

Interested in the insurance industry?

Four tips from an expert on breaking in

CASSANDRA JOWETT
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If you think you might be interested in a career in insurance, the best thing you can do is start exploring the industry while you're still a student through research, networking and work experience, such as co-ops, internships, summer jobs and part-time jobs.

"This is a great way to build knowledge, skills and experience which will serve as a great foundation for starting your career in the industry," says Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute.

We asked Trevor to help us map out a strategy to help you start your career and get a job in the insurance industry.

Identify a clear career goal within the insurance sector

There are nine entry-level "gateway" roles in the insurance sector and they're all different, so it's important to know where you want to go as early as possible. According to Buttrum, "this will help you to target your job search documents, choose which employers to target and plot out your career path."

Transfer your existing skills and experience to insurance

From there, you can figure out how your skills and experience might transfer to that type of role. Worried that your work and volunteer experiences in retail, food service or camp counselling aren't applicable to the insurance industry? "Believe it or not, they are," says Buttrum. "The customer service and problem solving involved in each of these is definitely something you will use in the insurance sector."

Don't hesitate to ask your insurance provider a few questions about the industry. ISTOCK

In addition, think about how your experience with shoplifting prevention programs (fraud/theft prevention), responsibility for bank deposits (ethics), health and safety regulations (compliance), incident management and documentation can apply to what you might be doing in insurance.

Build your network

There's a good chance you're already connected to at least one insurance professional through your car insurance, tenant or home insurance, or through your parents, Buttrum says, so you won't have to start from scratch.

"Ask questions and indicate your interest in the industry — you never know who they know and can connect you to."

From there, you can branch out and develop new connections by attending professional and social events in the industry and on your campus.

Work toward a professional designation

Although certifications and licenses are really dependent on the role you are interested in, Buttrum says students should consider taking a course or two toward the Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) designation — "the industry standard for excellence, education and ethics within the industry."

Starting your designation as a student will allow you to complete it earlier in your career and may also make you more attractive to potential employers. Once you're hired, he says, "Many employers support their workforce in completing the professional education required to excel in their career. This can be in the form of tuition assistance, salary bonuses or paid time off."

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Edmonton: $32,934
Montreal: $32,045
Toronto: $33,332
Vancouver: $30,658
Intermediate: $40,000 to $60,000
Senior: $60,000 to $100,000 or more

Underwriter

Edmonton: $42,330
Montreal: $39,983
Toronto: $41,906
Vancouver: $41,824
Intermediate: $50,000 to $70,000
Senior: $70,000 to $200,000

Insurance Sales Agent

Edmonton: $34,822
Montreal: $31,078
Toronto: $32,039
Vancouver: $15.43/hr
Intermediate: $45,000 to $70,000
Senior: $75,000 to $100,000

STATISTICS COMPILED BY FRANCESCA CASTOR, AN ASPIRING JOURNALIST AND RECENT GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

AHL. Marlies lose Frattin for championship series

The Toronto Marlies are heading into the Calder Cup final without their leading scorer.

Matt Frattin will miss the series against the Norfolk Admirals, which starts Friday, after learning he needs surgery to repair a damaged knee.

"Matt Frattin is done for the playoffs," Marlies head coach Dallas Eakins said after Tuesday's practice. "He sustained a knee injury that will require surgery. I have no time line for rehab and that kind of stuff."

The 24-year-old injured his knee in Game 5 against the Oklahoma City Barons when he crashed awkwardly into the net after scoring his second goal of the night. Frattin leads AHL playoff scorers with 10 goals in 13 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Matt Frattin TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL

Leafs sign 2006 pick to 1-year deal

The Toronto Maple Leafs have signed forward Leo Komarov to a one-year contract, the club announced Tuesday.

The five-foot-11, 198-pound native of Narva, Estonia, was the Leafs' seventh choice in the 2006 NHL entry draft.

Komarov, 25, spent the past three seasons with Moscow Dynamo of the KHL. He scored 11 goals and 13 assists in 46 games last season.

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NHL. Fight brewing for Hockey Night rights?

Most of the major Canadian TV networks are revealing their fall lineups this week, but speculation is already mounting over who might nab CBC's beloved Hockey Night in Canada when broadcast rights come up for grabs in two years.

Rogers Media president Keith Pelley hinted to the Globe and Mail on Tuesday morning that his network is interested in the iconic franchise.

"Sports is a major focus," Pelley told the newspaper. "Is Hockey Night part of our plan? It's a little premature to talk about details, but we certainly have to take a look."

Bell Media, which owns TSN, suggested it would be interested as well.

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Costly potential loss

Losing the rights would be a major body blow to the CBC, already struggling with devastating budget cuts that have slashed original programming hours.

Jays eke out win vs. Orioles

MLB. Third baseman Lawrie helps power Toronto past Baltimore

Canadian Brett Lawrie scored three runs and Ricky Romero pitched six effective innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 on Tuesday night.

Lawrie also drove in three runs and had three of Toronto's 10 hits as the Blue Jays (26-24) moved three games behind the Orioles (29-21) in the American League East standings. Baltimore started the night tied with Tampa for first place in the division.

Romero (6-1), who has struggled with his control of late, allowed four earned runs and six hits. He had just one walk and recorded seven strikeouts.

Staked to an early 1-0 lead on an Adam Jones homer, Baltimore starter Jake Arrieta (2-6) breezed through the first two innings before being touched up for two runs in the third.

Lawrie and David Cooper hit back-to-back singles and Rajai Davis advanced the runners with a well-placed bunt between the third-base line and pitcher's mound.

Arrieta's throw to first was wide, allowing Lawrie to score. Cooper came across when Yunel Escobar hit a slow grounder to third base.

An inning later, Colby Rasmus started the Toronto rally with a ground-rule double. J.P. Arencibia walked and Lawrie drove both runners in with a gapper to right-centre field.

The Blue Jays took advantage of back-to-back errors in the frame. Jones dropped a broken-bat flare from Cooper in shallow centre field and left-fielder Wilson Betemit botched a hard-hit single by Davis that rolled all the way to the wall.

Lawrie, from Langley, B.C., scored on the second error. Arrieta escaped further damage by striking out Kelly Johnson and getting Escobar to line out.

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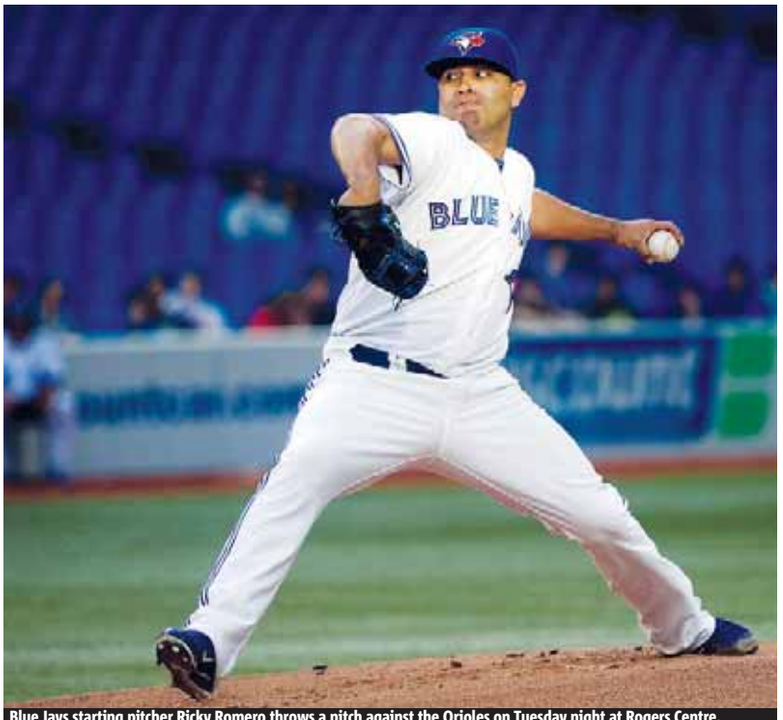
Tuesday's game

Blue Jays	Orioles
8	6



Blue Jays starting pitcher Ricky Romero throws a pitch against the Orioles on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.
NATHAN DENETTE

4 SPORTS

NBA

Raps brass roll into NYC for draft lottery

General manager Bryan Colangelo and head coach Dwane Casey head to New York Wednesday night, for an NBA draft lottery that has huge implications on the Toronto Raptors' short-term future. The Raptors go into the lottery with the eighth-best chance to win the top pick. Toronto has a 3.5 per cent chance to win the No. 1 pick. No team has ever moved from eighth to first.

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On the web

Manchester United may have lost the English Premier League title to its cross-city rival, but the club still claims to be the most-followed soccer team in the world. Internal research suggests United's popularity has doubled to 659 million followers in the last five years. Scan the code for the story.

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Common ground in cup-final showdown

NHL. Devils and Kings took similar paths on journey to Stanley Cup

Mike Richards works on Tuesday in New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

Devils head coach Peter DeBoer give instruction during practice on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A great goalie. Depth in front of him. The ability to win on the road. And a respected coach.

Two teams with plenty of similarities drop the puck Wednesday for the Stanley Cup.

The sixth-seeded New Jersey Devils and eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings face off at the Prudential Center in hockey's finale.

Both teams have already been forged in the cauldron of the playoffs. As lower seeds, they have not had home-ice advantage and had to get here the hard way.

Depth has been a key to both.

"I don't think it's an accident that the teams that are rolling four lines and 6 D (defencemen) are still playing," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday.

"I think if you talked to Darryl, I would bet he'd say the same thing. It's been critical. You don't play 20, 25 playoff games and the grind and the emotion and the battle without having depth. You just can't."

Said Kings coach Darryl Sutter: "The way the schedule is and the way the travel is, you don't do it without everybody making some sort of contribution. Not just the minutes played but in performance."

Los Angeles is a mind-boggling 8-0 in the playoffs on the road, where the home team has the last line change. New Jersey is 6-4.

Both teams rely on their goaltenders to keep the opposition honest.

Drew Doughty speaks to media on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Martin Brodeur on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New Jersey looks to career Devil Martin Brodeur, a future Hall of Famer who is still going strong at age 40.

Los Angeles has 26-year-old Jonathan Quick, who leads playoff goalies in goals-against average (1.54) and save percentage (.946). Brodeur's corresponding figures are 2.04 and .923.

Much has been made of the Kings' size but the league says there's really not much difference between the two. The Devils' average height and weight is six-foot-one and 204 pounds. For the Kings, it's six-foot-one and 208.

New Jersey's average age is 30, compared to 26.5 for Los Angeles.

"I think the goalies bring the average up quite a bit," Devils forward Dainius Zubrus said dryly, referencing Brodeur and 39-year-old Johan Hedberg.

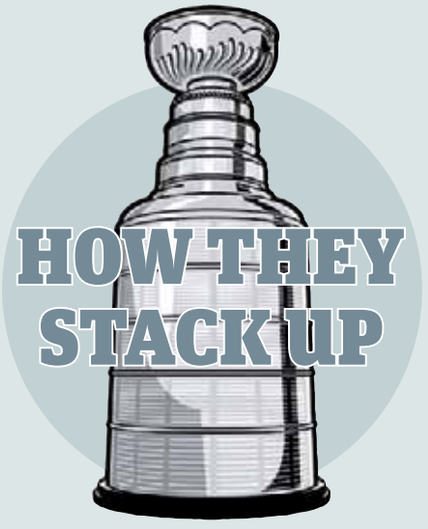
The Kings have more Canadians (13 to six) than the Devils. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breakdown

DEVILS

No. 6 (East), 48-28-6 record, won season series 2-0

The Devils are in the Stanley Cup final for the fifth time and are looking for their fourth title. New Jersey captured the cup in 1995, 2000 and 2003, with its only final series loss to Colorado in 2001. Martin Brodeur has been there for all the final appearances, and could call it a career at age 40 once this series is over — win or lose.



HOW THEY STACK UP

KINGS

No. 8 (West), 40-27-15 record

The Kings are in the final for the second time in team history. L.A. is still looking for its first Stanley Cup, having lost in five games to Montreal in 1993. The Kings have won an NHL-record eight straight road playoff games — the first team to do it in one playoff year. Los Angeles has outscored opponents 30-13 in its road games.

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Serena falls in Round 1

Serena Williams reacts during her first-round match against Virginie Razzano at the French Open on Tuesday. Williams came within two points of victory nine times, yet failed to close the deal against the unheralded and 111th-ranked Razzano, losing 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3. It is Williams' first ever first-round loss at a Grand Slam. MIKE HEWITT/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Halladay expected to miss out on six to eight weeks

Roy Halladay GETTY IMAGES FILE

Philadelphia Phillies ace Roy Halladay is expected to miss six to eight weeks because of a strained right shoulder, the latest major setback for the five-time NL East champions.

Halladay was put on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday, two days after he was hit hard and pulled from a start in St. Louis after just two innings because of shoulder soreness.

The two-time Cy Young winner will be shut down for a minimum of three weeks, then work toward rejoining the rotation, Phillies assistant general manager Scott Proefrock said.

Proefrock said tests done in Philadelphia indicated Halladay doesn't need surgery to recover and that the injury doesn't affect his rotator cuff.

"We hate to have him down, but it's nothing that requires anything other than rest," Proefrock said.

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Baseball. Trial judge dismisses 2 acts in Clemens' perjury case

Roger Clemens in Washington on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The judge in the Roger Clemens perjury trial has dismissed two of the obstructive acts in the charges against the former pitcher.

Clemens remains charged with two counts of perjury and three counts of making false statements before Congress, along with 13 other obstructive acts. All relate to Clemens' testimony before Congress at a 2008 hearing and his deposition that preceded it.

One of the statements dismissed was Clemens' contention that he had "no idea" that former Sen. George Mitchell wanted to talk with him in preparation for the 2007 Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball.

Prosecutors rested their case Monday. The judge ruled against Clemens' request for a dismissal of all charges.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	29	21	.580	—
Tampa Bay	29	21	.580	—
New York	26	22	.542	2
Toronto	**26**	**24**	**.520**	**3**
Boston	24	24	.500	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	22	.560	—
Cleveland	27	22	.551	½
Detroit	23	25	.479	4
Kansas City	20	28	.417	7
Minnesota	16	32	.333	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	31	18	.633	—
Los Angeles	25	25	.500	6½
Oakland	22	27	.449	9
Seattle	21	30	.412	11

Last night's results
Toronto 8 Baltimore 6
Chicago White Sox 7 Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 8 Cleveland 2
Detroit at Boston
Seattle at Texas
Oakland at Minnesota
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels
Monday's results
Toronto 6 Baltimore 2
Minnesota 5 Oakland 4
L.A. Angels 9 N.Y. Yankees 8
Texas 4 Seattle 2
Cleveland 8 Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 2 Tampa Bay 1
Boston 7 Detroit 4
Today's games
All times Eastern
Kansas City (B.Chen 3-5) at Cleveland (J.Gomez 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-0), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (T.Ross 2-5) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-5), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Hammel 6-1) at **Toronto (Morrow 5-3)**, 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 2-1) at Boston (Lester 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Beavan 2-4) at Texas (D.Holland 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-2) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 2-6), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Hamilton Tex	40	153	33	58	.379
Konerko ChiW	39	139	21	51	.367
Jeter NYY	41	175	24	60	.343
Ortiz Bos	42	159	30	53	.333
AJackson Det	36	136	29	45	.331
Andrus Tex	42	167	27	53	.317
ACabrera Cle	35	139	22	43	.309
Butler KC	41	159	18	49	.308
MiCabrera Det	41	166	21	51	.307
AdJones Bal	43	176	32	54	.307

Runs — Kinsler, Texas, 35; Hamilton, Texas, 33; AdJones, Baltimore, 32.
RBI — Hamilton, Texas, 47; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 35;** MiCabrera, Det, 34; ADunn, Chi, 32; Butler, KC, 31.
Hits — Jeter, NY, 60; Hamilton, Texas, 58; AdJones, Baltimore, 54; Pedroia, Bos, 54.
HRs — Hamilton, Tex, 18; ADunn, Chi, 14; AdJones, Bal, 14; **Encarnacion, Tor, 13;** Granderson, NY, 13; **Bautista, Tor, 11;** Reddick, Oak, 11.
Last night's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	20	.592	—
Miami	28	22	.560	1½
New York	27	22	.551	2
Atlanta	27	24	.529	3
Philadelphia	26	24	.520	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	21	.563	—
St. Louis	27	23	.540	1
Pittsburgh	24	24	.500	3
Houston	22	27	.449	5½
Milwaukee	20	28	.417	7
Chicago	17	32	.347	10½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	16	.667	—
San Francisco	26	23	.531	6½
Arizona	22	27	.449	10½
Colorado	19	29	.396	13
San Diego	17	34	.333	16½

Yesterday's results
Miami 3 Washington 1
Atlanta 5 St. Louis 4
Chicago Cubs 5 San Diego 3
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers
Arizona at San Francisco
Monday's results
San Francisco 4 Arizona 2
Milwaukee 3 L.A. Dodgers 2
Philadelphia 8 N.Y. Mets 4
St. Louis 8 Atlanta 2
Miami 5 Washington 3
Colorado 9-7 Houston 7-6 (2nd game, 10 inn.)
Pittsburgh 4 Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 11 San Diego 7
Today's games
All times Eastern
San Diego (Bass 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-3), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 5-2) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 5-1) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Wang 1-0) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 4-3) at Colorado (Friedrich 2-1), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-2), 10:10 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 3-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 2-5), 10:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Houston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
DWright NYM	45	161	32	60	.373
MeCabrera SF	49	201	36	74	.368
Ruiz Phi	44	142	23	52	.366
Lucroy Mil	43	139	17	48	.345
Furcal StL	47	188	35	64	.340
McCutchen Pit	45	165	28	56	.339
Prado Atl	48	184	30	60	.326
Votto Cin	48	163	29	53	.325
YMolina StL	44	165	24	53	.321
Infante Mia	42	156	26	50	.321

Runs — CGonzalez, Col, 38; MeCabrera, SF, 36; Furcal, StL, 35; Pence, Phil, 35; Uggla, Atl, 34; Bourn, Atl, 33; Braun, Milw, 33.
RBI — Ethier, LA, 42; Beltran, StL, 41; CGonzalez, Col, 37; Stanton, Miami, 36; LaRoche, Wash, 35; Braun, Milw, 34; Freese, StL, 33.
Yesterday's games not included

BLUE JAYS 8, ORIOLES 6

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Andino 2b	5	0	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	5	0	0	0
Hardy ss	5	1	1	0	YEscor ss	5	0	0	1
Markks rf	5	0	1	0	Bautist rf	3	1	1	0
AdJons cf	3	3	3	3	Encrnc dh	3	1	0	0
Wieters c	1	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	1	1	0
RPaulin c	3	1	1	0	Arencii c	3	1	0	0
MrRynl 1b	4	0	1	1	Lawrie 3b	4	3	3	3
C.Davis dh	5	1	3	2	Cooper 1b	4	1	2	1
Betemt lf-3b	5	0	0	0	RDavis lf	4	0	3	2
Tollesn 3b	3	0	1	0					
EnChvz ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**40**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**		**35**	**8**	**10** **7**

Baltimore	010	003	002 —6
Toronto	002	330	00x —8

E—Betemit (8), Ad.Jones (3), Arrieta (3), Rasmus (2). LOB—Baltimore 11, Toronto 6. 2B—Markakis (13), R.Paulino (2), Bautista (6), Rasmus (10), Lawrie (6). HR—Ad.Jones 2 (16), C.Davis (9). SB—En.Chavez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Arrieta L,2-6	4 1-3	6	7	6	3	5
Mi.Gonzalez	3 1-3	4	1	1	0	5
Ayala	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
R.Romero W,6-1	6	6	4	4	1	7
Frasor	1	2	0	0	1	2
Oliver	1-3	2	0	0	0	1
Cordero H,5	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	2	2	2	1	0

HBP—by R.Romero (Wieters).
T—3:11. A—17,352 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Cooper	14	2	4	0	1	.286
Encarnacion	190	27	52	16	41	.274
Lawrie	176	20	48	3	17	.273
Johnson	175	31	46	9	26	.263
Escobar	195	28	51	2	15	.262
Arencibia	147	20	36	9	29	.245
Thames	148	17	36	3	11	.243
Rasmus	167	18	39	5	20	.234
Bautista	183	31	41	12	32	.224
Davis	59	17	13	2	8	.220
Francisco	34	3	7	0	0	.206
Vizquel	34	4	7	0	2	.206
Mathis	36	7	7	2	5	.194

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Oliver	0	2	0	17.1	16	1.56
Perez	2	1	0	25.2	26	2.45
Janssen	1	1	4	18.2	18	2.89
Morrow	5	3	0	62.1	54	3.47
Alvarez	3	4	0	65.2	19	3.56
Romero	5	1	0	65.1	49	3.86
Drabek	4	5	0	55.1	42	4.55
Villanueva	0	0	0	21.1	24	4.64
Hutchison	4	2	0	44.2	36	4.84
Frasor	0	1	0	18.0	22	5.00
Chavez	0	0	0	5.0	7	5.40
Cordero	1	2	2	19.0	15	6.63
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00

Last night's game not included

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
NORFOLK VS. TORONTO
Friday's game
Toronto at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Toronto at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
Norfolk at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
Norfolk at **Toronto**, 3 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kovalchuk, NJ	7	11	18
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	9	16
Kopitar, LA	6	9	15
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12
Girardi, NYR	3	9	12
Gaborik, NYR	5	6	11
M.Richards, LA	4	7	11
Henrique, NJ	3	8	11
Salvador, NJ	3	8	11
J.Williams, LA	2	9	11
Callahan, NYR	6	4	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Clarkson, NJ	3	7	10
Penner, LA	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Doughty, LA	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	5	4	9
J.Carter, LA	4	5	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9
Zubrus, NJ	3	6	9
Stepan, NYR	1	8	9
Yandle, Phx	1	8	9
Boedker, Phx	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Hartnell, Pha	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Backstrom, Wash	2	6	8
Klesla, Phx	2	6	8
Jagr, Pha	1	7	8
Zidlicky, NJ	1	7	8
Kreider, NYR	5	2	7
Chimera, Wash	4	3	7
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Gionta, NJ	3	4	7
Fedotenko, NYR	2	5	7
Laich, Wash	2	5	7
Whitney, Phx	2	5	7
Langkow, Phx	1	6	7
R.Carter, NJ	4	2	6
Elias, NJ	4	2	6
Pyatt, Phx	4	2	6
Talbot, Pha	4	2	6
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
B.Boyle, NYR	3	3	6
Hanzal, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Legwand, Nash	3	3	6
M.Staal, NYR	3	3	6
Stralman, NYR	3	3	6
S.Bernier, NJ	2	4	6
Carle, Pha	2	4	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
Kunitz, Pgh	2	4	6

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
Men's Singles — First Round
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 6-1, 7-5, 6-0.
David Ferrer (6), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Juan Monaco (13), Argentina, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukr., def. Alexandr Dolgopolov (16), Ukr., 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet (17), France, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Mikhail Youzhny (27), Russia, def. James Blake, United States, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Julien Benneteau (29), France, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4.
Florian Mayer (32), Germany, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 3-6, 11-9.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Donald Young, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-1.
Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 3-6, 6-2, 2-1, retired.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Women's Singles — First Round
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-0, 6-0.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia, 6-1, 6-2.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Serena Williams (5), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, 6-0, 6-1.
Francesca Schiavone (14), Italy, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko (16), Russia, def. Victoria Larriere, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (22), Russia, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-4, 6-4.
Kaia Kanepi (23), Estonia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Julia Goerges (25), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Peng Shuai (28), China, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 6-3.
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-4, 6-3.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 7-5, 7-5.
Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-4, 4-3, retired.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Melinda Czink, Hungary, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-1, 6-2.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C.	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	3	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Chicago	12	5	4	3	15	15	18
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	12	4	7	1	16	18	13
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Saturday's game
All times Eastern
Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 16
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
D.C. at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 17
New York at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Miami leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Miami 93 Boston 79
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
x-Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) V. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(San Antonio leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City at San Antonio
Tomorrow's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
x-San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 8
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
x — if necessary.

2012 NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

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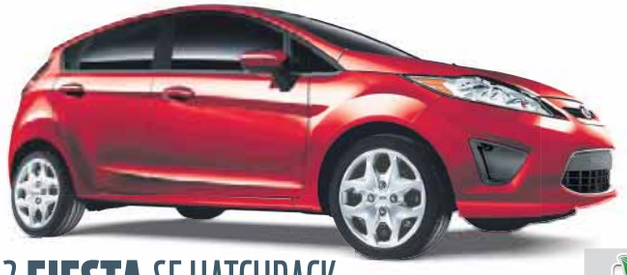

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Acura bucks the engine trend

ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

AWD

The RDX abandons Acura's very effective Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). However, the replacement system, called AWD with Intelligent Control, appears to have its own merits, which include sending 25 per cent of the available torque to the rear wheels when accelerating from a stop.

2013 Acura RDX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury-compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (273).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.7/7.3.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $42,900.

Beefed-up engine

A 3.5-litre V6 replaces the turbo-charged 2.3-litre four-cylinder, a move that appears to be in sharp contrast to other automakers — such as Ford — which are replacing larger engines with smaller turbo-charged powerplants that supposedly get better fuel economy.

But check this out. The RDX's V6 makes 273 horse power and 251 pound-feet of torque, compared to 240 horses and 260 pound-feet of torque for the 2.3. Most importantly, the RDX achieves a better fuel-consumption rating than the outgoing model.

How is this possible?

A six-speed automatic transmission — one more gear than used on the turbo four — helps improve the ratings, but so do other fuel-conserving innovations.

There's low-viscosity engine and transmission oil, a special friction-reducing coating for the pistons and Variable Cylinder Management that allows the engine to operate with two or three of its six cylinders (depending on the load) shut down.

Acura says the RDX also has improved aerodynamics, fuel-saving electric power steering pump and low-rolling-resistance tires.

Review. More pistons as well as better fuel economy? What does the new RDX know that we don't?

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With the entire automotive world dropping pistons to add fuel economy — and even bragging about it — there's this little twist: the 2013 Acura RDX is adding fuel economy by adding pistons.

Yes, the whole universe is suddenly out of whack and it begs the question, what does Honda know that the rest of the world doesn't. Well, we're in Arizona to find out.

The RDX brand has been around since the 2007 model year as a rival to the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Cadillac SRX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and other premium-priced five-passenger wagons.

Changes for the 2010 model year gave it a look that resembled the larger MDX, which is an approach that has clearly spilled over into the new RDX.

The aggressively arched fenders, redesigned nose-piece and artfully reshaped roofline convey a sense of increased proportions, which is an illusion considering that most key dimensions — length, width, height and cargo volume — vary only slightly from the original.

With an on-the-road starting price of $42,900, the poised and proficient RDX now looks and acts like a more upscale travelling companion that effectively coddles its occupants, should take fewer fuel stops and generally behaves more resolutely when the go pedal is pushed.

Acura, if more power and better fuel economy was intended to be a secret, we're happy to blow your cover.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Flip your Jeep lid

Talk to any owner about their Jeep Wrangler and they'll wax poetic about their favourite off-roader. But ask them about removing and reinstalling the Jeep's canvas top and the air is likely to turn blue. In short, it's not much fun wrestling with the various snaps, zippers, hooks and other attachments. A solution is in hand in the form of the power-operated MyTop from Roadwire. The company states that its lid will automatically fold back and reverse itself in about six seconds. The frame is made of aircraft-grade aluminum (good aluminum), while the electric motors used in the folding/refolding process are of the same design used to operate the canopies of fighter jets. MyTop is priced at $4,300 US, plus installation. More info is available at roadwire.com. WHEELBASE

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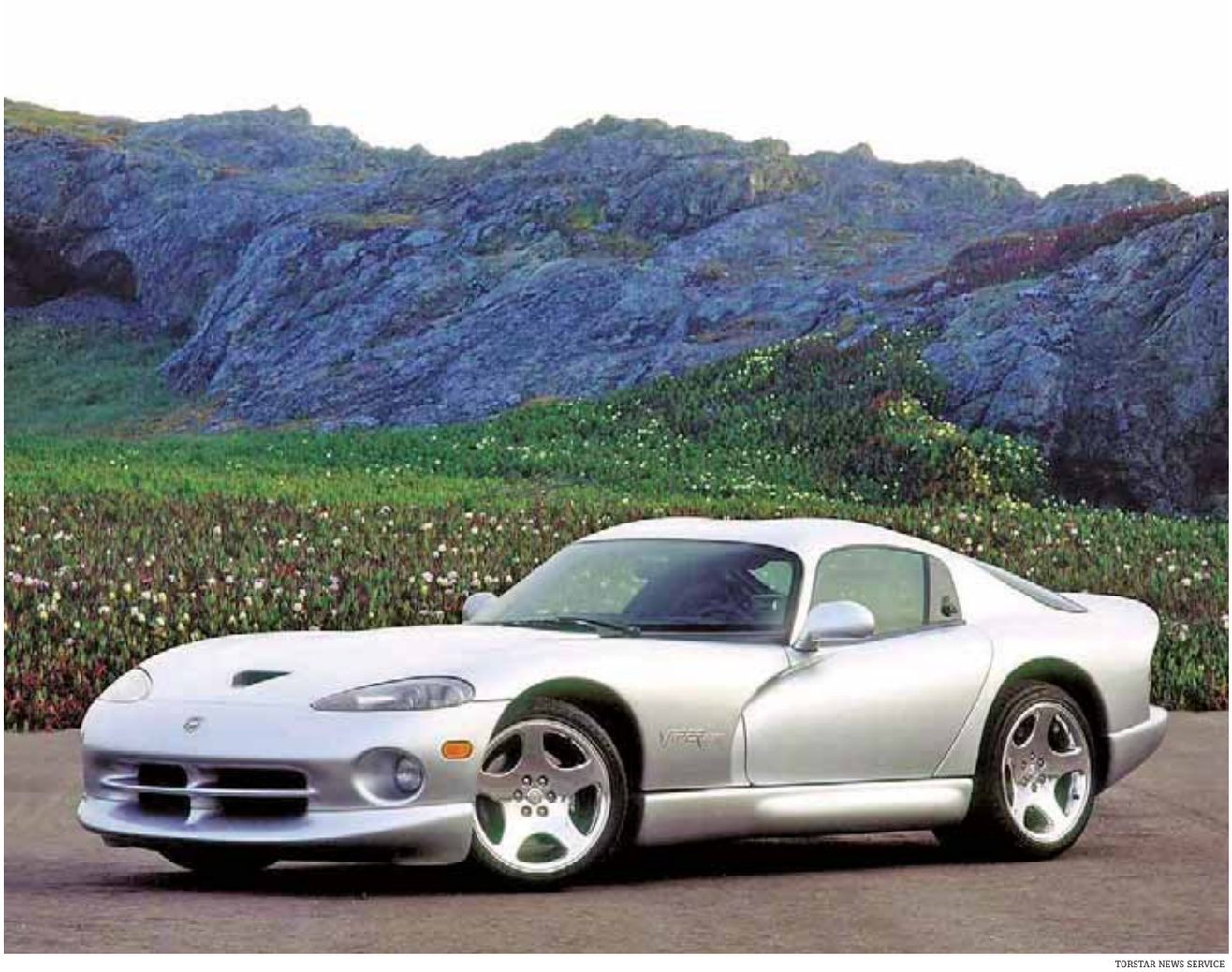
Original Dodge Viper models were often bought as a novel weekend car, a racing machine, or to own a bit of history and nostalgia. All models possess a monstrous 10-cylinder engine, two seats and rear-wheel drive.

Feature content was modest, though performance was the unquestioned focus of this machine. Coupe and convertible variants were available in GTS and RT/10 designations, respectively.



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Common Issues

Have your potential used Viper checked for oil leaks from the valve covers and oil pan gasket. A compression test is also advisable, as is a check of the oil and coolant condition, which could reveal an issue with the head-gasket. This issue seemed to affect mainly earlier models.

On a test-drive, "feel" the transmission for signs of clutch slippage, grinding or hard shifting. Though the gearbox is said to be reliable, abusive driving can shorten its life.

Note that some models suffered from a rear differential which could become separated from its bracket, and/or a power steering rack that could pull away from the front frame. A free recall and repair kit addresses these problems. Your local Dodge dealer has the scoop.

Shoppers are also advised to check the condition of the brakes and tires.

Engine

All models in this generation have an 8-litre V10 with 400 horsepower on early models, and 450 horsepower after 1996. A six-speed manual was the only transmission offered.

What Owners Like

Performance, style, excess and exclusivity were the big draws to the Viper. As a new model, it offered the performance to crush cars costing several times more. Extreme performance driving pleasure is enjoyed by Viper owners.

What Owners Dislike

Limited storage, limited shoulder and legroom and gas mileage are the most common complaints. Heat from the engine can also "cook" the driver's feet on long trips.

Verdict

The Viper was loved mainly for its purely insane performance and the instant recognition of passers-by. It's not a car for the faint of heart — though it will appeal to those after all-out firepower ahead of creature-comforts.

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A guard rail near a slope that goes down to a creek. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

As cars become safer, so do the roads. You may think a guardrail is just a piece of steel on the side of the highway, but it's actually part of a comprehensive safety system.

"By definition, a barrier system is a device which provides a physical obstacle through which an errant vehicle would not normally penetrate or vault over," says Bob Nichols, spokesperson for Ontario's Ministry of Transportation. "It is intended to contain or redirect an errant vehicle of a particular size range, at a given speed and angle of impact."

Guardrails and barriers aren't placed randomly. Instead, they're generally installed where it would do more damage for a vehicle to run off the road than to hit the guardrail. It's most desirable to keep the roadside clear, so that most drivers who lose control can either bring the vehicle back or come to a safe stop. But if the side of the road contains unyielding obstacles, such as bridge piers or overhead sign posts, or has a steep slope, a barrier is considered.

Up until the late 1980s, most guardrail ends sloped down into the ground — known as "buried end treatment" in the trade. Today, they mostly have impact-absorbing ends, properly known as steel beam energy attenuating terminals. These have a rectangular steel impact head and either breakaway steel or wooden support posts. When a vehicle runs into it, the impact head is forced back onto the steel rails, which bend and flatten to absorb the impact of the crash and reduce its severity.

Concrete barriers on the highway are often called "Jersey Barriers" by drivers, but they're more likely to be a newer design called the "F-Shape." Depending on how hard a vehicle hits, either the tires or the bumper will slide along the barrier's slope and then be redirected back into the lane. The barrier doesn't have to be tall, because the shape does the trick.

And those barrels that you often see at off-ramps? That's a Connecticut Impact Attenuation System, consisting of thin-walled steel cylinders bolted together. They crush when a vehicle crashes into them to absorb the impact, and some of the barrels contain steel straps and a compression pipe that redirect the vehicle away from greater danger.

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Compact pickups at a crossroads

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The next wave of compact pickups will probably include some Chinese models. Consider Great Wall Motor's Steed model, introduced just this month to the U.K. market. CONTRIBUTED

An interesting period is developing for fans of compact pickup trucks. The old guard is going or gone, and the new guard is nowhere in sight.

We'll soon lose the GM twins (Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon). Last year we lost Ford Ranger and Dodge Dakota. The year prior we lost Mazda B-Series.

Replacements?

Ford developed a new Ranger for other markets but we're not getting it.

There is a new Chevrolet Colorado coming, but no time frame and not before it lands in priority compact truck markets like Thailand, Australia and Brazil.

A new Dodge Dakota is coming too, but it will have to be invented first, and who knows when and how that will happen within the Chrysler/Fiat framework.

Is it just me, or does it seem like the automakers don't quite have their heart into giving North Americans an up-to-date, "compact" pickup, which is not too pricey, and a legitimate alternative to the full-size pickup?

"The compact truck market is not dead, just ignored by the American marketplace," says Victor Tsai, a devoted and long-time compact truck buyer. For his landscaping business in Toronto, he has employed a long succession of compact rides, such as Jeep Comanche, Dodge Dakota, and Toyota Tacoma.

He feels compact trucks suffer in this market because North America is the home and sole marketplace of the full-size pickup. As such, the automakers are obsessed with selling and developing these trucks on this continent. Nowhere else does the compact truck face such a formidable competitor.

At the same time, automakers have been obsessed with making their North American compacts in the mould of their full-size trucks, loading them up with lots of power, features, macho styling, etc. Net result: they're not much different or cheaper than their full-size brethren.

Howard Elmer is a colleague of mine who specializes in all things truck. He notes that inexpensive trucks were a big part of how the Japanese automakers got a foothold in North America in the 1970s.

"Their product back then was small, but also fuel efficient, rugged, and very, very cheap in comparison (to full-size trucks). People bought them not necessarily because they were small, but because the price made sense."

Today, the vast majority of buyers for import compact trucks are younger people who use them for specific sports or leisure activities, and want them outfitted accordingly, and with lots of comfort features.

Elmer adds that in the era when compacts were cheaper, they were often employed for all sorts of uses and by all sorts of demographics — entry-level vehicle, second family vehicle, commuter, retirement ride for full-size pickup types who still wanted to stay in the truck lifestyle, work truck, sport truck, etc.

Could the next wave of compact trucks coming to North America be more like the earlier, "cheap and cheerful" wave, through lighter and more car-like unibody designs based on global platforms? And could we see diesel powertrains in these compact trucks? Chrysler has hinted as much, and GM's new truck in Thailand is sporting a brand-new diesel engine that looks like it could be easily certified for this continent.

But don't get your hopes up. Elmer notes that just because automakers have appealing products and/or powertrains in some markets, doesn't mean that they can be automatically "plopped" into ours.

However, if GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, etc., aren't prepared to give us cheap, little compacts, it might not matter.

"I think the Chinese are coming," says Elmer. "It's just a matter of time."

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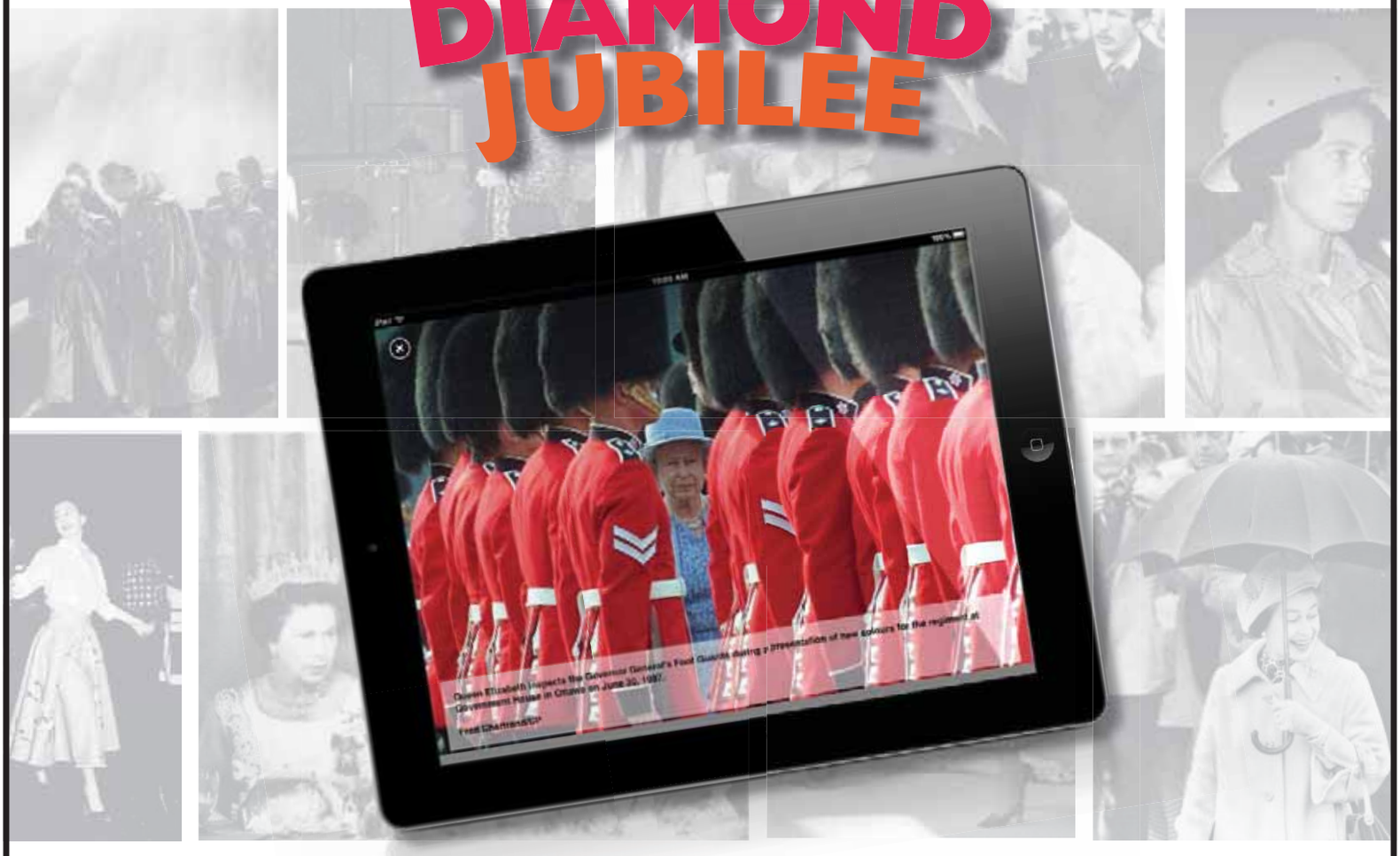

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•**Storage-Mart #3001 328 Commissioners Rd W., London, ON** - **Friday, June 22nd 2012 @ 10:45am** - Units 0223B - Anne Mathews, 0424D J.L Nash

•**Storage-Mart #3002 1020 Wonderland Rd S., London, ON** - **Friday, June 22nd 2012 @ 11:30am** - Units 0223B - A. Matthews, Unit 0424D - J.L.Nash

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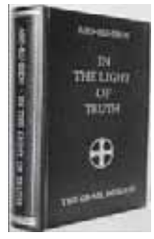

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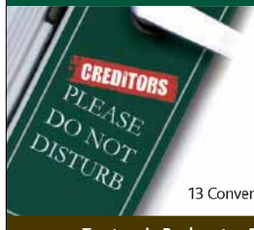

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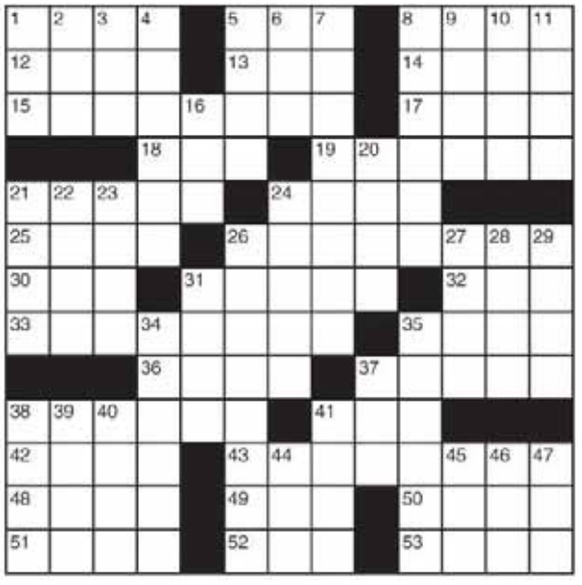
Across

1 Distortion in wood
5 $ dispenser
8 Omit
12 Exchange premium
13 Skater Babilonia
14 Domini preceder
15 Critical
17 Defeat
18 Pump up the volume
19 Carelessness?
21 Necklace fastener
24 In-box filler
25 Impetuous
26 Whims
30 Eggs
31 "Be-Bop- —"
32 Actor Holbrook
33 Maximum contents
35 Golf warning
36 Sea eagle
37 Healthy
38 Malay Archipelago sultanate
41 Tackle moguls
42 Theater box
43 South American rodent
48 — podrida
49 Get — for effort
50 Told tales
51 Ottoman governors
52 Torched
53 Therefore

Down

1 Servicewoman
2 Khan title
3 Wardrobe malfunction
4 Fertilizer ingredient
5 On
6 Greek cross
7 Use wrongly
8 Deli meat
9 Make a cardigan
10 Part of the foot
11 Slow
16 Little devil
20 Brazilian river
21 Gator's kin
22 Volcanic outflow
23 Promptly, on a memo
24 Fry lightly
26 Cold and impersonal
27 — En-lai
28 Make
29 Coaster
31 Farm fraction
34 Virgilian hero
35 Weakness
37 Wild blue yonder
38 Amorphous mass
39 Portrayal
40 Unsightly
41 Quarrel
44 Blackbird
45 Melody
46 Rule, for short
47 Commotion



Sudoku

5			4		2			
2	7						3	8
	1			7		6		
	5		2	8				3
		7				8		
8				4	6		2	
		6		1			8	
3	4						7	9
			7		5			4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	7	2	6	5	1	4	3
2	4	6	3	1	7	5	9	8
5	1	3	8	9	4	7	2	6
7	2	8	9	5	1	6	3	4
6	5	9	4	3	8	2	1	7
1	3	4	6	7	2	9	8	5
9	7	1	5	8	3	4	6	2
4	8	5	1	2	6	3	7	9
3	6	2	7	4	9	8	5	1

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Q N A F X N O R Q J X T R J J I

V Z G X Z X G P V D X X E G Z I , N R S

P R D N A T E R Z P N A R O X P A X Q Q

E Z V P X F P N V A E Z V T Z R S .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A LANDSCAPE GARDENER IS COMPLETELY TIRED AND READY FOR BED, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S BUSHED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals N

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. There may be a lot to do but you will achieve more if you slow down and do one vital thing really well.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Your financial position may not be as good as it could be, but neither is it giving serious cause for concern. If you worry, you'll make things worse.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You know what you want and you know where and how to get it, so seize the moment.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to reach down into your subconscious and find out what makes you tick.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Reaching out to those who share your beliefs could put you in touch with some interesting people.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Today you can and you should make a good impression on those who can influence the course of your career.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart, much can be achieved. Aim high.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may feel somewhat vulnerable right now but it's nothing to worry about. If you do, you could end up worrying yourself into a corner.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It may seem as if you are doing all the giving while others are doing all the taking, but it's for a reason.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You may find it hard to slow down today but you must. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your confidence will surge over the next 24 hours and soon you will be doing what others say is impossible.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Use emotions over logic today. If you appeal to someone's sense of sympathy or passion, you will win them over with ease. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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HWY: 5.7L/100KM
CITY: 8.7L/100KM

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DARE TO COMPARE	2012 KIA OPTIMA LX A/T	2012 Honda Accord SE A/T	2012 Toyota Camry LE A/T
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Torque (lb.-ft.)	186	161	170
Automatic Transmission	6 Speed	5 Speed	6 Speed
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Heated Seats	✓	✗	✗

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HWY: 6.2L/100KM
CITY: 9.4L/100KM

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DARE TO COMPARE	2012 KIA SPORTAGE LX FWD AT	2012 Ford Escape 2.5L XLT FWD	2012 Honda CR-V LX FWD
Horsepower (hp)	176	171	185
Interior Volume (L)	2,832	2,818	2,949
Steering Wheel Audio Controls	✓	✗	✓
Heated Front Seats	✓	✗	✓
Satellite Radio	✓	✓	✗
Front Fog Lights	✓	✓	✗

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HWY: 4.9L/100KM
CITY: 6.6L/100KM

Rio4 SX shown

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DARE TO COMPARE	2012 KIA RIO 4DR LX M/T	2012 Toyota Yaris LE M/T	2012 Ford Fiesta S M/T
Horsepower (hp)	138	106	120
Torque (lb.-ft.)	123	103	112
Fuel Economy (Hwy)	4.9 L/100km	5.4 L/100km	5.1 L/100km
Steering Wheel Audio Controls	✓	✗	✗
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